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BY LIN JENKINS

AND BILL FROST

A GIRL aged nine was seriously ill in

hospital last night after she was found

unconscious and battered lying by the

bodies of her mother and six-year-old

sister in an isolated cornfield in Kent.

Lin Russell, the wife of an academic

at Kent University, and her daughters

Megan, 6, and Josephine, 9, were

discovered early yesterday balf-way along the secluded cross-country route

they took to walk home from school.

had returned to their listed semi-

detached cottage in Nonington, near Camerbury, to find it empty. He and a

neighbour, who had dropped by to

vain before alerting police at 10.45pm

Mrs Russell, 45, was last seen as they

walked from Goodnestone primary

school where she picked the girls up when they arrived by coach from a

swimming gala in Canterbury.

A team of 30 officers from the Kent

police tactical unit searched the route

they often walked in fine weather

through woods and across comfields, a

They came across the murder scene

by a farm track shortly before lam

yesterday. One of the family dogs, a terrier called Lucy, had also been killed. Josephine was taken to hospital

mile or so from school.

on Tuesday.

Dr Shavn Russell, 47, a biologist,

treatment

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Bonn may taken to court by Brussels

Germans defy EU to keep ban on beef

FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN BRUSSELS

GERMANY yesterday set itself on a collision course with Brussels by extending indefinitely a national ban on the import of all British beef and its by-products although the EU has already begun to ease the embargo.

Bonn's apparent readiness to defy the EU is certain to stoke passions in Britain when the European Court of Justice rules tomorrow on Britain's request for an emergency suspension of the overall ban. Britain is thought unlikely to win this and is expected to lose two other cases before the court, on pensioners' bus passes and the protection of

Responding to the intense public fear over Britain's BSE crisis, the German Cabinet renewed a ban imposed last March and due to expire on September 29. It also made clear that it has no intention of excepting bull semen, which was cleared for export by EU officials in June. Exports of gelatine and tallow, two other approved once Britain con-

forms to new requirements. A spokesman for the German Agriculture Ministry said that Bonn had no plans to follow the Brussels order to start to lift the ban on the byproducts. A spokesman for Franz Fischler, the EU Farm Commissioner, said that Germany was expected to obey EU decisions easing the ban. "If they don't, they are

clearly in breach of the law," For the moment, only the order on bull semen was involved because, although the decision had been taken in principle, Britain had not yet been given the go-ahead to export gelatine and tallow. Commission officials also noted that Heimut Kohl, the German Chancellor, had agreed, along with the other EU leaders in Florence last month, to abide by the principle that the beef ban would be administered according to science. The EU's experts ruled

that the by-products, when

correctly treated, carried no risk of spreading BSE. Germany's near panic over "mad cow" disease reached new intensity this week with reports, as yet unconfirmed, that British beef was being smuggled onto the Continent via Italy. The German action embarrassed the Brussels Commission, which could be obliged to take Bonn to the European court if it maintains

an import ban that is no longer supported by the EU. All EU states imposed bans when the BSE crisis started in to fall into line with the decisions on easing the embargo. Britain is planning to seek a further easing of the ban in the autumn, in keeping with the step-by-step programme agreed in Florence

Germany's apparent willingness to flout EU decisions will add to pressure from some Tory ministers and Euro-sceptics for defiance of rulings from the Luxembourg court that are deemed to interfere with Britain's sovereignty. On the advice of the Government's legal experts, John Major has backed away from threats to ignore such decisions and is banking now on playing for time and trimming the court's powers at the negotiations to revamp the

The most explosive case involves a likely court decision in September that will require Britain to enforce a maximum 48-hour working week. However, the three cases over the next few days are certain to sharpen Conservative anger with what many see as med-dling by unqualified Conti-

Today the 15 judges will issue their verdict on the case

Maastricht treaty. These are due to conclude next June.

nental judges. Tomorrow the judges are thought likely to uphold at least most of the EU beef ban for the time being, although some experts believe they might challenge the EU's powers to block exports to third

of Stanley Atkins, a retired Shropshire mechanic, who complained that his local him a bus pass until he reached 65, since women were entitled to them at 60. The court is expected to confirm a preliminary ruling, delivered in March, which found that the British system discriminated against men. In the third case, the Court is expected to uphold a complaint from the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds over a decision by the government to exempt Lappel Bay, in the Medway Estuary, from an EU directive on wild birds Mother and child found murdered in London and last night her father, who works at the Institute of Conservation and Ecology on the University of described the scene as "bloody". No Kent campus at Canterbury, was at her bedside. A police guard was mounted at the hospital and police declined to say where she was for her

own safety. A post-mortem examination on Mrs Russell and Megan was being carried out last night. Detective Chief Inspector David Stevenswho is leading the

murder weapon had been recovered.

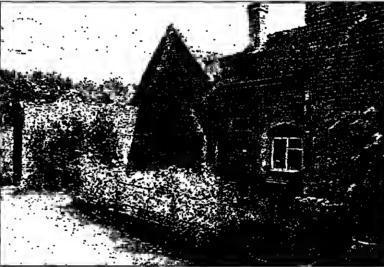
At the school yesterday where the girls had been since moving from North Wales last year children were in tears when they were told what had happened. Police went into classrooms to warn them to be wary of strangers,

neighbours, Mark and Sheila Whitley, said they were preparing to break the news to their daughter, six-year-old Danielle, who was a playmate of Megan. Mrs Whitley, 33, said: They were all always in the garden. You could always see them working on the house but particularly in the garden, even the children." Mr Whitley said his daughter was particularly friendly with Megan, who he described as a tiny, slight girl with short bobbed

their homes. The Russells' opposite

Margaret Fryer, 62, who lives opposite the school and watched daily as Mrs Russell collected her children, said: "The path through the wood was overgrown and I used to worry about I know this i these days you really can't feel safe wherever you are. I almost wanted to run and tell her not to do it, but I never

The Russell family moved to Nonington last year from Llanllyfni, near Carnarfon, after returning from South Africa where Dr Russell previously worked. His job in Wales was with the University of Bangor. Lin Russell, anxious to minimise the trauma of moving for her Welshspeaking daughters, opted to send them to the smaller school in the neighbouring village of Goodnestone instead of Nonington Continued on page 2, col 1



Killing field: police at the scene in Cherry Garden Lane yesterday after the bodies of Mrs Russell and daughter Megan were discovered

Dream home the listed granary cottage where the Russells lived

"Any idea of the way to the House of Commons?"

Strike ban plan

Ministers are to consider plans to outlaw strikes in the water, power and transport industries and the health service in what would be the Tories' most radical clamp on ____Page 2 the unions.....



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Church leaders seek to reduce Ulster tension

By Nicholas Watt and Audrey Magee

RELIGIOUS leaders in Northern Ireland held talks with David Trimble, the Ulster Unionist leader, last night in an attempt to resolve the stand-off between loyalists and security forces before hundreds of thousands of people take to the streets for tomorrow's July 12 Orange parades.

The meetings came as thousands of protesters converged on the village of Drumcree, near Portadown, Co Armagh, in support of the Orangemen who have refused to move until the RUC reverses its decision to prevent them from marching along the nationalist Garvaghy Road. A thousand more British troops were also beginning to arrive in the

Province. Mr Trimble shuttled be-tween the four main church

leaders in Armagh City and the protesting Orangemen at Drumcree, who have been in a stand-off with the RUC since

The two sides know that if they fail to find a solution by this evening, Northern Ire-land risks being engulfed in sectarian violence as tensions rise on the eve of the Twelfth celebrations. Loyalists will light thousands of bonfires across the Province to mark William of Orange's victory over the Catholic James II at the Battle of the Boyne in 1690.

Parades will be held tomorrow in towns and villages before tens of thousands of Orangemen plan to converge on Drumcree.

Sir Patrick Mayhew, the Northern Ireland Secretary, underlined the gravity of the

night: There is a very very oight timescale that exists in which a resolution can be

In an attempt to calm the atmosphere, the Ulster Volunteer Force denied being in-volved in the murder of a Roman Catholic taxi driver in Lurgan, Co Armagh, on Monday. The statement, which followed similar denials from the two other main Protestant paramilitary groups, added that the UVF ceasefire re-mained intact, But the Orange Order struck an equally hardline note when it threat-

ened to stretch the security forces to the limit tomorrow by marching through nationalist areas of the Province.

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South Africa to get £60m in extra aid

BY JILL SHERMAN, CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

JOHN MAJOR yesterday pledged a further £60 million of British aid to South Africa and called for closer relations between the two countries after talks with President Mandela. The money is to go towards improving education, health, rural development and

small businesses. At a relaxed joint press conference outside No 10, Mr Major said that he hoped Britain could help South Africa by negotiating the best possible relations with the European Union and so open markets across Europe to South African exports.

Today the Prime Minister is expected to announce further belp for young sportsmen and women in South Africa. Hailing Mr Mandela's visit as "a heart-warming occasion", Mr Major said he hoped that the good relations between the

two countries would get even closer. President Mandela enthused over the warm reception he had had from the Royal Family, the media and the public during his visit. "I will be going back to my country like an old battery which has been recharged."

The President confirmed that he intended to step down at the end of his term when he would be 81. "We need a younger man with drive who can put this country on a new footing. We have many such young men and women in the leadership of the ANC."

Asked about Baroness Thatcher's reported descrip-tion of the African National Congress as a terrorist organ-isation, be said: "I would like us to let bygones be bygones."

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Road to gold medal starts with a cold bath

SCIENCE EDITOR

IT IS simple, it is legal, and it could win a gold medal in the Olympic Games in Atlanta: cold baths beloved

of Victorian schoolmasters make distance athletes run faster.

Dr Frank Marino and colleagues from Charles Sturt University in Bathurst, New South Wales, Austraia, tested eight athletes on a cooled athletes ran "almost another treadmill. Half the athletes were lap of an athletics track" in the half-

was initially tepid, at a temperature of 84F (29C). Over the course of an hour, its temperature was lowered to 73F (23C). The athletes then ran for half an hour on a treadmill in a room where temperature and relative humidity were controlled before being com-pared with the four controls. Three days later the groups were swapped and the experiment repeated. The

hour session. Dr Marino told New

Scientist. Why "chilling out" should result in better performances remains guess-work. "We couldn't find a difference between the two in oxygen consump-tion terms," Dr Marino says. The likeliest explanation is that the slow cooling lowers the body's internal temperature, improving muscle efficiency. After the bath, the chilled athletes had a core body temperature about a degree below normal and

their skin temperature was 80F (27C). After the half hour on the treadmill. the difference persisted. Running generates heat in the muscles, which is usually carried away by the blood to the skin, which is cooled by sweating. Dr Marino believes that pre-cooling allows more blood to stay in the muscles, delivering its cargo of glucose and oxygen. But if the body is cooled too fast, it activates defences against hypothermia and core body

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Black week in British politics: the pay debate recalled

peaking in the debate on MPs' pay, the Chan-cellor of the Exchequer

... It is not a remuneration, it is not a recompense, it is not even a salary. It is just an allowance, and I think the mimimum allowance, to enable men to come there, men who would render incalculable service to the State. and whom it is an incalculable loss to the State not to have here, but who cannot be here because their means do

chequer was David Lloyd George, the pay was to be £400 a year and the date was

The Chancellor's proposal was agreed too, but not before heated debate. After Lloyd George, a Mr Arthur Lee (C) spoke. He told MPs that this would go down "as a black week" in British politics. The Chancellor seemed to think this £250,000 "raid on the Exchequer" was "very largely a joke". But, once approved, the principle

would never be revoked ...
"It will lead to the extinc-

tion in the House of Commons of that type of Member who has been its peculiar pride and strength up to the present time, the Member active and distinguished in other walks of life." Other legislatures

said Lee. They all made very small beginnings." "But it is absolutely inevitable that once salaries are paid to Members of Parliament who have control over

Underground. Union leaders accused ministers of dreaming

up publicity stunts after the proposal was confirmed last

John Edmonds, general sec-retary of the GMB general union, said: "This is playing politics with the Tube strike

and is the last gasp of a dving

government trying to play the bogus union card. Sut it won't

wash because there is no

appetite for union-bashing."

started by paying modestly.



the amount of their salaries, say Macdonald thought Lee's like all other classes who are paid wages, they will seek to raise those wages whenever they get the opportunity."
"I believe," he concluded.

"it will sound the death knell of that system of voluntary service which has been the chief and unique glory of British public life." Mr Rama somewhat lugubrious speech" but Mr Hayes Fisher supported Lee. That £250,000 is only a decoy duck", he said. "It is nothing to what the Chancellor is going to lead us into." And Mr Fisher

had an additional worry: the

growing power of the whips.

If an MP depended on parlia-

in the hollow of his hand. He would be able to say to that man, You are just beginning to get a foothold on this Parliamentary ladder; you are an ambitious man. I shall not run you at the next election, and that £400 a

will not longer be yours." [An Hon Member: "impossible".] The Marquess of Tulli-bardine suspected that the general public would take a dim view of this largesse "I

year on which you are relying

entary pay, then would like to see every "The Party Whip has them Liberal Member go to his constituents and say 'the Ouestion at issue is whether or not I shall put £400 into my own pocker. If that were done, I think very few of those who are in favour of the payment would come

Mr Austen Chamberlain took the argument further: ... there will be ... a

growing inclination ... to resent the absence of a Member from any little local show or function at which a

to see his presence, and that when he does not attend they will ask him what he is paid a salary for, if he cannot attend all kinds of shows."

How true, how very true. The debate continued for some five hours, and the motion was easily carried. The next day's business

establishment by the Post Office of "what is called a Some debates move on. Others never do.

began with discussion of the

Ministers plan to outlaw strikes in essential services

BY PHILIP WEBSTER, POLITICAL EDITOR

MINISTERS are to consider plans to outlaw strikes in the industries and the health service in what would be the Conservative Party's most radical clamp on the unions.

Several Tory employment secretaries have looked at legislation against strikes in the essential services and rejected it as too controversial. The idea is to be considered again, this time by lan Lang. President of the Board of Trade, who has taken over the

Employment Department. There are no formal plans before the Government but it is expected to come before an internal Tory committee, headed by Mr Lang, which is considering industry and employment proposals for the

last night: "The union card has worked for us before. It could well be in the manifesto." The plan has resurfaced amid growing public and ministerial concern about the se-ries of strikes on the London

Tube drivers vote for 'total shutdown'

By Jonathan Prynn, transport correspondent

LONDON commuters are September 9. Three 24-hour threatened with the worst travel disruption to hit the capital in seven years after Tube drivers voted yesterday to paralyse the network through a series of one-day

Drivers belonging to the Rail, Maritime and Transport union (RMT) voted by five to one to join the dispute over working hours between London Transport and the Aslef union. Jimmy Knapp, general secretary of the RMT, said he expected a "total shutdown" of the network on the nine strike days between next Thursday and early

The strikes are due on: Thursday July 18, Thursday July 25, Monday July 29, Wednesday August 7. Tuesday August 13, Friday August 23, Tuesday August 27, Thurs-day September 5, and Monday election manifesto. A senior Tory figure said

strikes carried out so far by

Aslef members have caused

serious disruption to services

but London Transport has

been able to keep most lines

open by using RMT drivers. The latest vote means that all

Tube trains, but not the driver-

less Docklands Light Railway,

Mr Knapp said he very much regretted the inconve-

nience the strikes would cause

the travelling public but re-sponsibility for the dispute lay

will be brought to a balt.

Rodney Bickerstaffe, gener-al secretary of Unison, said any measures to ban strikes would be draconian. He said: The Government must have taken leave of their collective senses if they believe denying basic human rights that are enshrined in international law has any place in our democracy."

Ken Cameron, general sec-retary of the Fire Brigades Union, said banning strikes would be "dangerously authoritarian".

The proposal could go fur-ther than any of Baroness Thatcher's anti-union legislation in the 1980s. Tory strategists see the proposal as a chance to highlight Labour's difficulties over the Tube strike and want to highlight the refusal of the Labour leadership to condemn the latest action. John Major is understood to back the study.

It was being emphasised

that the plans were very much with London Transport for reneging on a deal to cut one in the formative stages and hour from the working week. much work needed to be done The union said that London to assess the legal feasibility of the scheme. But ministers said Transport's offer to implement the agreement by cutting 12 there were precedents in that minutes off the working day was unacceptable. The two the police and armed forces were already prevented from unions were last night locked striking. In several other counin peace talks with London tries there were already bans Transport at the conciliation on strikes in the essential



Hague triumphs in battle for £1.7bn microchip plant

By Andrew Pierce, political correspondent

WILLIAM HAGUE scored a notable success yesterday over Michael Forsyth, a future Tory leadership rival. by clinching a £1.7 billion

microchip factory for Wales. Both ministers, who joined the Cabinet last summer, were locked in fierce but friendly rivalry to try to attract the Korean LG Group, with the promise of 6.000 jobs, to their Welsh and Scottish backyards. But it was Mr Hague, the Welsh Secretary, who won the battle with an undisclosed battery of financial incentives.

It was a timely victory over Mr Forsyth, 41, the Scottish Secretary who has stolen the limelight from Mr Hague in the Tory offensive over Labour's devolution plans

Mr Hague, 35, has won support across the political divide for his adroit handling of the deal, which secured for the Principality the biggest inward investment of its kind

in Europe. He spoke regularly to the company's officials in Scoul by video-conference telephone link, banging the drum for Newport, Gwent.

There was competition from two quarters: the Irish Republic, which provides generous relief on corpora-tion tax; and Scotland, which boasts numerous South East Asian microchip factories. Uoconfirmed reports sug-

gest that up to £150 million in regional assistance grants was involved. Mr Forsyth is thought to have matched the figure, but Mr Hague was iven the nod. However, the deal faltered

when it was leaked to the Welsh media in May. LG Group management was furius, and Mr Forsyth seized his chance, he flew to South Korea on a fortuitiously prearranged nine-day sweep of South East Asia. It was to no

Mr Hague's officials were

crowing yesterday. One aide said: "Scotland was an outsider. It was never in with a chance. It was the Republic of Ireland, not Scotland, which was the real enemy."

The Forsyth camp was more sanguine: "You win some, you lose some."

But it is the Treasury that could have the last word. Fearing that regional grants

are being driven too high in the competition for inward investment, it is considering handing responsibility to a central body, such as the Invest in Britain Bureau, controlled by the Department of Trade and Industry.

Mr Forsyth and Mr Hague have buried their differences to unite against the Treasury powers. "They are once more fighting a common foe," a Welsh Office official said.

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Ministers 'misusing' civil servants

SENIOR civil servants are accusing ministers of putting them under pressure to breach their strict code of political impartiality.

The Association of the First Division of Civil Servants (FDA) is seeking an early meeting with Sir Robin Butler, head of the Civil Service, to raise fears that as the general election approaches they could face more demands to cross the borderline between gov-ernment and party political

The FDA is acting on the result of a survey of members in 11 government depart-ments. More than 20 out of only a few hundred civil servants working in daily contact with ministers com-plained of being asked recent-ly to do work that might compromise their political impartiality. The union is already examining four or five serious cases and says that many of its members reported that such problems were commonplace within their departments.

Complaints from both middle-ranking and very senior civil servants included pres-sure to prepare material for election manifestos, alter offi-cial reports to provide a party political slant, give briefings on political responses to Opposition policies and Opposition speeches, supply material subsequently used in party election broadcasts and write political speeches when political advisers, who are not civil servants, are absent.

Elizabeth Symons, the FDA general secretary, said there political neutrality. from "Considering that there are probably only a few hundred civil servants working in dayto-day contact with ministers, it's particularly disturbing that so many members say they have been asked to breach political impartiality or objectivity by ministers or their political advisers.

The response we have received suggests a continuing and widespread problem. The pressure on civil servants is only likely to increase in the run-up to the general

Peter Mandelson, Labour's spokesman on the Civil Service, said: 'The entire Tory party is running scared of new Labour and, while we expect the same old scaremongering stories from the same old Tories, we will not tolerate neutral civil servants being dragged into their negative

"Sir Robin Butler must take a stand on this and defend the neutrality of the Civil Service in the pre-election period or see the traditional standards simply thrown to the wall."



Police urge vigilance after rape

Parsons to "a horrible ordeal" as he raped and strangled her in a derelict school was being hunted by Plymouth police yesterday. Police outh area not to go out alone late at night. They also began checking possible links with an attack on another young woman in the same area in March.

Nicola went missing on Sunday and her body was found in the school by a passerby.

Shadow elections *

Shadow Cabinet elections are expected to be held within a fortaight. Tony Blair, the Labour leader, has given up his efforts behind the scenes to suspend the elections and he is now reluctantly backing a compromise to bring them forward from October to

£1m IRA reward

Police offered a £1 million reward for information leading to the IRA Manchester bombers. Commander John Grieve, head of the antiterrorist branch, said information was wanted about where the bombers might have loaded and prepared the lorry bomb.

Murder inquiry

A boy aged 13 arrested on Tuesday evening is being questioned by police in connection with the murder of Jade Matthews, nine, who was found beaten to death in Bootle, Merseyside, Two 17 year old males who were arrested on Monday are also still being questioned.

Potholer dies

A British woman from a British-Hungarian potholling team was found dead last night as rescuers tried to reach three others in caves. beneath the Alps near Greno-ble. The potholers have been stranded in the caves since Saturday, trapped by rising water after severe storms.

Mother and daughter, six, found murdered in field

Continued from page I school. The Russells' home. Granary Cottage, had been part of an estate run as a teacher training college. It was sold nine months ago when Nonington College became home to a religious sect. the Bruderhof Community.

At first, villagers greeted the community with suspicion and about 100 of the 440 residents signed a petition against it. Since then the 80strong community, dedicated to pacifism and purity and sworn to live by the letter of the New Testament, have proved that they are not to be feared.

The community, expelled from Germany by the Nazis in 1937, have 2,000 members in

Beech Grove at Nonington is one of two Bruderhof communities in Britain. The village is also home to

patients of the Promise Centre. which treats sufferers of eating disorders. drug addiction and alcohol abuse at a cost of £1,840 a week.

Brother Gary Stanaway, one of 80 Americans at the religious community, said they knew the Russells well and had prayed for them. "If we can do anything for them, we will. We are still shocked He said they had asked the

police to come and talk to the community about their own safety. "We have no idea how. why or what and the fact that

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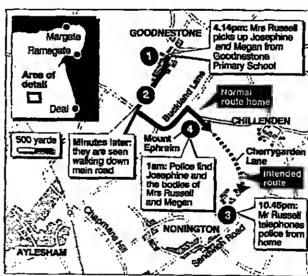
Norman Newmarsh, 42, a plumber who lives in another of the cottages sold when the Bruderhof sect took over the college, said Mrs Russell was a keen gardener and was always seen outside with the dogs Lucy, a terrier, and Jackie, a retriever type, and the children.

Patrick Williams, 41, who shares his cottage, said: "Mrs Russell was a very striking and amractive woman. She

was always in the garden and I used to nickname her. The Earth Mother. She reminded me of the actress, Janet Suzman. The children were adorable and looked like she must have done when she was Shaun Russell's friends and

colleagues at the Durrell Institute of Conservation and Ecology on the Kent University campus last night expressed their disbelief and horror. Dr Michael Walkey, execu-

tive director of the institute, described Mr Russell as a highly valued member of staff. We are still reeling under the shock. The fact that Shaun's wife and daughter are dead is a matter of very deep distress



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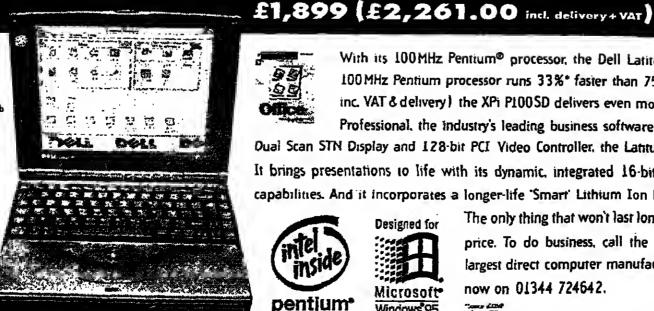
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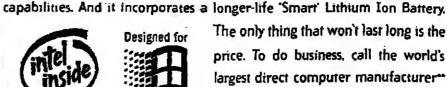
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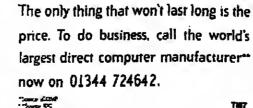


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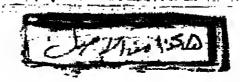






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Academia showers honours upon Mandela

President receives honorary degrees eight times over

By Alan Hamilton and David Charter

UNIVERSITIES ancient and modern queued up yesterday to confer their most exclusive honorary degrees on President Mandela in a mass gradua-tion ceremony on the lawn of Buckingham Palace.

Chancellors, Vice-Chancellors and public orators from eight academic insolutions vied to deliver the most adulatory declaration of the South African President, who occasionally looked bemused but who accepted all eight doctorates with his customary civility and good grace.

The ceremony had been a nightmare of protocol for the Earl of Airie, the Lord Cham-'trlain, who was faced with deciding in what order the degrees should be conferred He went for the safe nption of descending order of age, which put Oxford in pole position and Glasgow Caledonian bringing up the rear.

The lawn was awash with mortar boards and the rainbow hoods and hraids of academe as the Duke of Edinburgh, wearing the heavily gilded robes of Chancellor of Cambridge University, conducted Mr Mandela from the Palace to the receiving dais. The Duke immediately had to retire to a back seat and allow precedence to Lord Jenkins of Hillhead, Chancellor of Oxford, who beamed mightily at his brief upstaging of royalty, Lord Jenkins read Mr

Mandela's oration in Latin, which left the President impassively incomprehending: no one seemed to have bothered to hand him a translation,

Cambridge followed but the Chancellor, for all his other talents, chose to leave the reading of the Latin oration to the university's professional and classically skilled orator.

The remaining universities here happy to deliver their flowery flattery of their newest graduand. The Chandellors came in steady procession: London, Bristol, Nottingham, Warwick and De Montfort,

which sneaked a double appearance by giving Mr Mandela a doctorate of laws and a companionship of the university, which required two presentations and two handshakes. The deputation from Glasgow Caledonian disclosing privately with pride that, as a newly installed Doctor of the University, Mr

august company of Richard Branson and Jackie Stewart. The eight honorary degrees has elevated him to membership of an elite band of scholars, clergyman and royalty boasting awards in double figures Irom British universides. Mr Mandela who now has II honorary degrees to his name, achieved at a stroke what has taken decades for many notables in British public life.

Mandela would be in the

The list of those knee-deep in honours is headed by Sir Claus Moser, the educationalist, who has 19 with another offer in the pipeline. Next come Sir David Attenborough and Lord Scarman with 18 each. Cardinal Basil Hume. Archbishop of Westminster, has II honorary doctorates.

Very few recipients elect to follow Dr Samuel Johnson and use the honorary title, Otherwise we would have Dr Joanna Lumley, the actress, (University of Kent 1994), Dr Sting, the musician, (Northumbria (992) and Dr Graham Taylor, former England football manager, (Humberside).

Some of the newer universities have more serious reason to honour Mr Mandela apart from mere admiration; they run academic programmes in South Africa and award de-grees to South Africa students there and in Britain. Overwhelmed with scrolls,

Mr Mandela replied gracious-ly: "It is not individual achievements which are being honoured here today. Rather it orations in English, competing with each other in their which South Africans have turned from division and conflict to reconciliation and the pursuit of a better life."



Political activist who backed Madiba now puts his shirts on the president

By INIGO GILMORE AND ROBIN YOUNG

PRESIDENT Mandela's wardrobe consultant yesterday disclosed the secrets of world statesmanship's natti-

"When he became president Mr Mandela realised that he would have to dress with due dignity," said Yussuf Surtee, the man behind what has become popularly known as "Madiba" (Mandela's clan and affectionate nickname) style, "but he also decided that to identify with the masses sometimes he would wear just

Mr Surtee owns the Alfred Dunhill store in Johannesburg's northern suburbs and is managing director of Gray's men's clothing stores with several hranches in the city. An Indian South African who lives

in Johannesburg with his wife and son, Mr. Surtee was a political activist who visited Mr Mandela in prison and has remained a close friend since. Since Mr. Mandela's release from Leading article, page 17 prison he has regularly consulted Mr law and order minister who is now the do not wear ties. The president wants away."

Surtee about designs for shirts and

The Mandela shirt dates back to 1993. At first, said Mr Surtee, the President sometimes wore his shirts tucked in and at other times loose. Then be went on a visit to Indonesia, where he was given shirts with finished bottoms and slits at the sides. he came bome and said: Yussuf, from now on I wear my shirts untucked."

Mr Surtee said that the President

received many shirts as gifts, but often specified the colour, style and fahric for shirts be purchased very precisely.

The long, flowing African shirts, casual and colourful but always

elegant, quickly became an integral part of Mandelamania. After the greysuited apartheid era the dash of colour Mr Mandela has introduced to the drab political arena has been enthusiastically welcomed by many, white and black. "Madiba" has even become a dress code at high society parties.

Not everyone is happy about it, however. Hermanus Kriel, a former

Nationalist premier of Western Cape province, said recently that ANC MPs. who have followed Mandela's style. were tainting the "dignity and decorum of parliament". He added: "I do not approve of him dressing like that. I do not like it when you go to a formal

dinner and there are foreign guests

and everyone is wearing suits and then this chap appears in a loose shirt with an open collar." Even the president's old friend Archbishop Desmond Tutu has mur-

mured disapproval. "He is so elegant and dignified in his suits," he said last year. "but I myself don't like him much in his shirts." Mr Mandela said later that he had talked with Tutu on the subject but

declined to enter a discussion on which there is no solution". By adopting a style that mixes Europe and Africa Mr Mandela is

forging an identity that is uniquely South African.

"The style is symbolic," said Mr Surfee. "In South Africa most people

Mutual passion gathers strength

BY ALAN HAMILTON

PRESIDENT MANDELA, on the second day of his state visit to Britain, moved from pomp to serious business with an appeal for more foreign invest-ment in his still-troubled

The President told a London conference organised by the Confederation of British In-dustry that the poverty, social decay and profound inequality left behind by years of apartheid could be eradicated with the help of outside nations and especially Britain, which is already the largest foreign

investor in South Africa.

But for all the hard-nosed business talk, Mr Mandela's visit continues to be an emotional and heartfelt occasion. During the business conference, he said that during his years in prison he had often wondered at the passion of the

British people for his cause. The Briosh passion for Mr Mandela remained unabated, even at dawn. Over 600 onlookers had gone to St James's Park by 7am to watch Mr Mandela plant a plane tree in aid of the Prince of Wales's Royal Parks Tree Appeal.

Always an early riser, the President chose to walk from Buckingham Palace along the length of the Mall to his first engagement of the day, shaking the hand of passersby who rushed up to greet him. "I wish I could come to London every week," he told

to identify with those people."

The distinctive black dress shirt

with white sticking at the collar and

pocket tops worn at the state banquet

was designed by the Italian Stefano

Brioni. He also made the suit worn on

Such is the demand for presidential

fashion that Mr Surtee orders batches

of 50 or 100 extra shirts for his shops

each time the President orders a new

Mr Surfee says several British shops, including Harrods, have ex-

pressed interest in acquiring Mandela clothing since he arrived in Britain but insists he has no plans to open an

Mr Surtee added that the President

always wears white shirts and waist-

coats with his suits. "He thinks that is

the traditional and British thing to do.

He says: 'If you are going to wear a suit, do it properly'. He is a very

conservative man. He would never

abuse or waste his clothes. When he

has finished with them he gives them

outlet outside his home country.

one. They sell at £100 or more each.

the first official day of the visit.

the crowd waiting for him. He was welcomed in the park at 7.30 by the South African Musical Village, a group of performers dressed in leopard skins and brightly coloured robes. Despite the early hour, Mr Mandela could not resist the carnival atmosphere and hriefly shimmied and shook with the music.

After the CBI conference, Mr Mandela went on to talks and lunch at Downing Street. Even there he could not resist the human touch, pulling a hlack photographer from the crowded press corral and insisting that he posed with himself and the Prime Minister in the official pictures.

Rothschild banking heir dies aged 41 in Paris hotel

AMSCHEL ROTHSCHILD, 41-year-old heir of the family banking dynasty, died from a heart attack while alone in a Paris hotel room, his family

said yesterday. Mr Rothschild, who was married with three young children, had just finished a series of business meetings in France. His sister Victoria said that his body was found on Monday by hotel staff, who raised the alarm and called an

His widow. Anita. 38, and the couple's children, Kate, 13, Alice, 12 and James, 11, who live near Bury St Edmunds,

Suffolk, were being comforted by Miss Rothschild yesterday. She said: "Anita is devastated, but she is looking after the children. We are all in a state of shock. He was a wonderful brother. We were extremely close. There was no warning that he was ill. He did not

have any heart problems."

Mrs Rothschild, a member of the Guiness brewing family, returned from Paris yester-day having identified her husband's body. Mr Roth-schild's half-brother, Lord Rothschild, said that the funeral would be held early next week, probably at a

Amschel Rothschild and his wife, Anita

liberal synagogue in Willesden, north London,

member of the family is united in their love and respect for Amschel. He was an intelligent, deeply sensitive, loyal and much-loved human

Mr Rothschild, an amateur motor racing driver and a former contributor to the now defunct New Review literary magazine, farmed at Rushbrokoke, near Bury St Edmunds, before joining N M Rothschild, the family bank,

> Despite his quiet approach to the frenzied world of international finance, some tipped him as a possible sucessor to his second cousin, Sir Evelyn de Rothschild, as chairman of the family firm. Sir Evelyn flew to Switzerland yesterday on business, but is due to return today to offer his support to Mr Rothschild's

> One colleague who has known the family for many years said: "There was never any indication to me that he was ill. His death has come as an enormous surprise and a terrible sbock."

Alien moth evades security in **Buckingham Palace gardens**

NATURALISTS have discovered a moth previously unknown in the British Isles among a diversity of rare flora and fauna in the Queen's gardens at Buckingham Palace.

The Palace was silent last night on speculation that the tiny alien. Eccopisa effrac-te¹¹g, might have been im-ported inadvertently in the luggage of one or other of the better-travelled members of the Royal Family, or possibly have arrived here attached to the person of a foreign visitor. It is not the first time that a consignment of fruit."

moth new to Britain has been

found in the Palace garden, according to David Agassiz, a lepidopterist at the International Institute of Entomolgy. "In the 1960s a tiny green moth, Earias insulana, an African cotton pest, was found in the garden on the day after a party for African Common-

wealth leaders," he said. Dr Agassiz offers a more prosaic explanation for the latest find: "We know that the moth occurs quite widely in the rest of Europe and that it particularly likes feeding on apple leaves. The most likely explanation is that it was accidentally imported in a

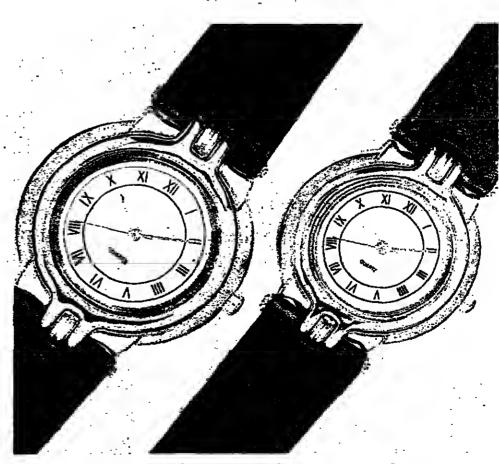
tified in a survey of the 40-acre palace garden are 17 species of breeding birds, including the great-crested grebe, 12 other species of moth not recorded there before and four species

of solitary wasps.

The survey team has also found a number of unusual flowering plants, among them the single-spotted orchid, common skullcap, roundleaved fluellen, stone parsley and round-leaved cranesbill.

One species of wildlife definitely not welcome in the garden is the urban fox, which earlier this year killed the Queen's flock of seven pink flamingos, a gift from

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Pupils will be told 'You are safe now' as Wolverhampton joins Scotland in examining school security

Head reveals more heroism during machete mayhem

By Adrian Lee and Joanna Bale

THE headmistress of the school where a man carried out a machete attack described the "worst moments of my life" yesterday.

She spoke as it was announced that St Luke's Infants School, Wolverhampton, will reopen on Monday. The nursery unit where the children fell will remain shut until the injured nursery nurse returns. The head, Denise Bennett,

said that if the attack had happened five minutes later, when 165 pupils were leaving, there could have been 70, not seven, casualties. Speaking in detail for the first time about the mayhem inside the small building, she said that she would never forget the "dreadful" cries of injured children.

"There was panic, people were calling for help. I cannot describe the horrendous scene in the corridor," Mrs Bennett said. She will tell pupils on Monday: "Something terrible has happened, but you are safe now." Yesterday she said: "Five minutes later and the whole school would have been going home. There would have been 160-odd children out there, not the 20. The fact

that seven people were injured, but we have not had a fatality, is remarkable."

She praised staff and parameter billing of the praise staff.

ents, telling of the previously unrecognised actions of two teachers. Dorothy Hawes and Linda Jones. Miss Hawes grabbed children and pulled them into the boiler room, slamming the door shut. "She somehow held the door closed and saved the children. He was trying to get in. Mrs Jones held the door to a reception class. They have said they don't know where their strength came from."

Although E3,000 was spent upgrading security after Dunblane, it will be reviewed again by governors in the next few weeks. A message from Dunblane Primary School was one of many received by St Luke's after the attack during a "teddy bears" picnic". It read: "The shock of what happened to your school is magnified by the fact that it happened during such a happy time. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all."

Educational psychologists will monitor the children's recovery. Tomorrow there will

be a meeting for parents to answer their questions and next Wednesday there will be a service at the school, which is Church of England aided

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Yesterday West Midlands
police faced criticism over the
time taken to catch a suspect
who spent 28 hours hiding in a
tower block overlooking the
school. Balbinder Bains, who
chased the attacker, said: "The
police are claiming all the
glory for finding him, but it
was a security guard at the
flats who told them to look in
the curboard."

A Wolverhampton police spokesman said: "We had searched the cupboard that he was eventually found in. We believe he was moving around the building."

the building."

Wendy Willington, 29, a parent who suffered a fractured jaw and head wounds, was discharged from hospital yesterday. Lisa Potts, 21, the nursery nurse, and three children, Reena Chopra, Francesca Quintyne and Ahmed Malik, are still being treated.

Last night police were still

questioning Horrett Campbell, 32, in connection with the incident.



Denise Bennett yesterday as she recalled "the worst moments of my life"

Dunblane chief of police wants electronically controlled entry

By GILLIAN BOWDITCH, SCOTLAND CORRESPONDENT

PRIMARY schools should have electronic fingerprint readers to protect them from attackers, the Chief Constable of Central Scotland Police has told the Dunblane inquiry.

William Wilson, head of the force responsible for granting Thomas Hamilton his gun licence, told Lord Cullen's investigation into the death of 16 pupils and their teacher at Dunblane Primary School on March 13 that such technology already existed. "A child or adult wanting to enter a school would simply have to insert one finger into the reader, and subject to the unique characteristic of the print being identified, admission would be allowed."

The system would mean that a single fingerprint from every pupil, teacher and worker in the school would be needed at the start of each term, but "that would be not be an insurmountable task". Mr Wilson said. Security cameras could also be used to vet occasional visitors to a school.

Mr Wilson also suggested that local authorities be given a computer with access to the Scottish Criminal Records Office files to enable them to vet adults working with children.

His comments came on the final day of the Dunblane

imal day of the Dunblane inquiry, which has heard from 170 witnesses and received written submissions from more that 160 interested parties. Lord Cullen will produce a report with his recommendations by the eod of September.

Mr Wilson, whose force has

Mr Wilson, whose force has come in for strong criticism of the way it handles gun licence applications and the time taken to inform the victims' families of the massacre, defended his officers' work.

He called for stricter quide.

He called for stricter guidelines for police issuing firearm certificates. Current guidelines were open to "wide interpretation". He also called for national standards to apply for firearms licensing procedures.

He said that the decision to brief social workers on the injured before informing parents ensured that the victims' families were given accurate information and were treated sensitively. "The price of such an exercise was the time it took."

The inquiry has already been told that the parents of the victims waited for up to six hours to discover whether their children had been killed or injured in the attack.

The solicitor for the force

defended a decision by Douglas McMurdo, then Deputy Chief Constable, not to act on a report by another senior policeman recommending that Hamilton's gun licence be revoked.

Mr McMurdo's lack of action was criticised earlier this week by the lawyer for the victims' families, Colin Campbell, QC, who said: "But for the firearms department's culpable failure to remove these weapons from Mr Hamilton, this terrible tragedy would not have occurred."

However James Taylor saidy yesterday that Mr McMurdshad been right not to act. "When considering whether to revoke or refuse a firearms certificate, a chief officer cannot act on a whim. He cannot act on intuition. He cannot act on 'gut feeling' — the muchused phrase of this inquiry. "If he is to revoke or refuse

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"If he is to revoke or refuse an application, he must be able to lead evidence in support of his contention that the applicant or holder is likely to cause a danger to the public by virtue of his possession of a firearm. Given the climate created by the Government in relation to the administration of firearms, it is grossly unfair for society to suggest that one individual police officer or group of police officers should shoulder the blame for something so horrendous as took place on March 13."

Lord Cullen spoke yesterday of the "very heavy responsibility" of compiling his report. He will have to study almost two tonnes of legal submissions and transcripts, "The task now transfers to

me to consider everything I have heard and everything I have read and in due course to produce a report I hope will measure up the responsibility entrusted to me," he said.



Lord Cullen: his report is due in Şeptember

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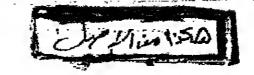




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Fear and frustration fuel Drumcree stand

The men who face each other across the barbed wire at Drumcree are from the same stock. The brethren of the Orange Order and the officers of the RUC are overwhelmingly the sons of respectable Unionist, Protestant Northern Ireland. Their confrontation in Co Armagh is the most noticeable symptom of the frustration felt by a majority who fear they have been loo quiet for loo long.

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Drumcree has become the focus for press anendon and popular resistance, but the sentiments expressed in the shadow of its church are reflected across the Province. Ulster's Unionists, of whichever party, believe the events of the past 25 years have followed an all too familiar panern: IRA violence and infimidation have progressively hammered at the bonds that keep Northern Ireland within the UK.

Although grateful for the money spent and the security afforded by the British Government, they suspect, in the wurds of one self-employed Protestant from north Belfast, that London is just waiting to leave with as much dignity as possible.

The suspicion that London is arxious to be rid of its turbulent province increased after the Anglo-Irish agreement of 1985 and was given greater momentum with the publication of the framework document on Northern Ireland's future last year.

There was a brief period of hope in the aftermath of the IRA ceasefire, when loyalist terrorists responded with their own cessation of violence. The veteran UVF campaigner Gusty Spence declared he was happy to see his associates lay down their weapons because The union is safe".

That view, shared tentative-

Michael Gove believes that the Orange confrontation with the RUC is explained by Unionist fears that years of IRA violence appears to be paying off

Priests attacked by

petrol-bomb mobs

ly, if at all, by the Unionist majority, is now rarely expressed. The Unionists believe the Government responded to the IRA ceaselire with a series of concessions. Or David Browniee, a research scientist and Orangeman originally from Portadown, says: "The Government was willing to work on the assumption the IRA ccasefire was permanent. but it was nothing of the kind. It relaxed the decommissioning

It may be unfair to blame

TWO elderly Roman Cath-

olic priests have suffered

separate arson attacks by

loyalist mobs in Northern

Father Frank Mullan,

70. was forced out of his

home after loyalists broke

his windows and set fire to

his car. Father Tom Gardand, also in his 70s.

was treated in hospital for

smoke inhalation after pet-

rol bombs were thrown

Father Mollao had been

alone in his house in

Ballymena, Co Antrim, on

Monday night. He said yesterday: They threw a petrol bomb into my car.

which was parked in the

yard. It was destroyed. The

into his chapel.

Ireland.

criteria and has treated IRA errorists as statesmen.

were at pains to sup with him using only the longest of spoons, but among Unionists the Government is held culpable for lending respectability to what they see as apologists for terrorism.
As James Jamieson, a work-

north Belfast, put it: People here have long memories. certainly, but they don't need them. Only a couple of years ago Sinn Fein were murdering

house has steel grilles at-

tached to the windows but

they still managed to

smash some of them with

bricks and large concrete

He called the police

three or four times.

because, each time the offi-

cers had left, a menacing

mob returned. He would

not return to his house

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leased from bospital yes-terday. He had been

overcome by smoke as he

tried to put oot the chapel fire in Donaghadee, Co

Down, on Tuesday night.

Father Gartland was re-

schools and homes burnt over the post few days, but the anvil of the current crisis has been the Government for the celeb-rity of the Sinn Fein leader Drumerce. Although the at-mosphere has been more peaceful in the lee of the Gerry Adams when ministers church than in many other parts of the Province, the confrontation in Drumcree has a particular symbolic significance:

The Protestants of Por-tadown live on Ulster's fault line. The river Bann running through the town divides predominantly Protestant eastern Ulster from the overwhelm-ingly Roman Catholic west. The Orange Order was founded a few miles away at Loughgall and has always played an important part in the cultural and social life of the area.

In the past ten years, the area's Orangemen have felt their traditions eroded. Before the Anglo-Irish agreement, there were seven romes they followed through Portadown that took them past Catholic communities. Now there is only one and this year even that, they feel, is denied them.

The hand of Dublin is detected behind the RUC's decision to limit their routes. Unionists also believe Dublin's hand is driven by agitation organised by republicans. in Portadown, opposition to the march down Garvaghy Road is associated with a former republican prisoner. Brendan McKenna.

Since 1985, Dublin, as a guardian of Catholic interests. has had the right to be consulted on the routes of marchers. Unionists believe



Orangemen at Drumcree, a localised dispute that has become the focus for widespread Unionist disquiet

provocation than protection and direct evidence of the ambidons of the south to take an ever-growing role in the administration of the north.

Opposition to the decision to bar the marchers extends beyond Portadown and its Orangemen. Jim Hamilton, a businessman who runs a waste-disposal service in Armagh city, said: "Everyone 1 know feels a confrontadon like this is necessary to express our sense of anger that Dublin is calling the tune and the

tween police and Orangemen was christened the siege of Drumcree in a self-conscious echo of a defining moment in Protestant Ulster's history, the siege of Derry in 1689. Over 300 years ago an embattled garrison held Catholic King James's army at bay and by their endurance in the face of fonce without and weakness within ensured a famous Prot-

Last year's stand-off be-

estant victory. The sense that Ulster is a province under siege has been Northern Ireland. On those occasions when the security of the Province has been threatened and its status under question. Ulster's people shelter under the banners of its traditional institutions, such as the Orange Order, Support for the order and its

offshoots made it a mass movement only after the Lib-erals advocated home rule in the 1880s. Its fortunes have been sustained by uncertainty since. The success of David Trimble and lan Paisley in securing the right of Portadown's Orangemen to walk their traditional route last year was seen as a rare victory in another siege. Their fate this week will have a crucial impact on the confidence and capacity of Ulster's Protestants to maintain their morale, dis-cipline and willing support for the law.

Already the combined loyalist military command is under pressure to end its ceasefire. Events in the shadow of the Church of the Ascension in Drumeree may tip the

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Orangemen will 'stretch RUC to the limit'

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CHIEF IRELAND CORRESPUNDENT

THE Orange Order has threatened to begin a strategy of stretching the security forces to their limits tomorrow, when tens of thousands of loyalists try to march through nationalist areas.

Months of careful planning by the Order before the standoff at Drumeree will go into operation unless the dispute is resolved. Orangemen will

they would normally avoid on the sensitive date of July 12. Trouble is threatened before the parades when loyalists light thousands of bonfires

tonight in the traditional "eve of twelfth" celebrations, which mark William of Orange's victory over James If at the Battle of the Boyne in 1690.
One of the most contentious

marches planned will be along the city walls in Londonderry. which overlook the nationalist Bogside area of the city. Orange leaders confirmed that march in nationalist areas loyalists in Co Londonderry Lower Ormeau Road on Fri-

were planning to move their usual march away from the predominantly Protestant town of Coleraine to the Derry

The last loyalist march along the walls, held in August last year to celebrate the Siege of Derry in 1689, provoked clashes between the marchers and nationalists. Another likely flashpoint will be in south Belfast if police allow loyalists from the Ballynafeigh Orange Lodge to march along the nationalist

day morning. The RUC may decide to reroute the parade. Traditionally, hundreds of thousands of Protestants take to the streets on the 12th with marches led by the 100,000 members of the Orange Order. The Order, the largest

Protestant organisation, has always played a key political role, often having been prepared to operate on the marfoundation in 1795. In 1912 the Order played a

leading role in the mobilisa-Home Rule. This led to the creation of the Ulster Volunteer Force, LIVF terrorists - a different breed from the loyalists of 1912 — are playing a key role in stoking up the confron-tation in Drumcree. Although the Orange leadership repudiates UVF terrorism, the behaviour of loyalist terrorists is a significant block to agreement over the disputed march.

The Order's central political role in Unionism continues to this day. More than 120 mem-

bers of the Order have automatic seats on the Ulster Unionist Council, the govern-ing body of the UUP, and virtually every senior Unionist politician is a member. Orange leaders made no

secret vesterday of their plans if no agreement was reached over the march at Drumcree. Jeffrey Donaldson, the Assistant Grand Master of the Oraoge Order, said: "We will be stretching the resources of the RUC. We are not going to send Orangemen into the middle of Protestant housing estates. That is not going to

stretch the RUC, is it?"

Dennis Watson, County Grand Master for Armagh. which includes Drumcree, gave the first hint of the scale of the operation in an address to Orangemen on Sunday. To cheers from the crowd he said: We have been mobilised since Thursday. We have been in operation waiting for the signals . . . We will also be putting the wheels in motion

for the remainder of the

IMPROVEMENTS TO OUR SAVINGS RANGE

The Society is currently streamlining its range of savings accounts, with changes to accounts taking effect from 15 July 1996. As part of our continuing commitment to mutuality, we are transferring many of our accounts no longer available to new investors (closed issues) into accounts within our current range. All customers affected by these transfers have been notified of their new account terms by post-This initiative will result in some changes to our current range of accounts as follows:

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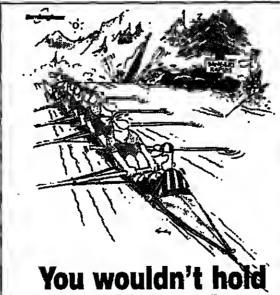
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Nation spends £10m on Dürer that hung on bedroom wall

By Peter Foster

A PAINTING by the German Renaissance artist Albrecht Dürer that hung unrecognised in the bedroom of a Norfolk house for a hundred years has been bought for the nation for £10 million. The National Gallery an-

nounced yesterday that it had acquired St Jerome in the Wilderness with the aid of a £5 million grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund, to be spread over three years. The gallery said it had matched the lottery sum from its own resources and £300,000 from the National Arts Collection Fund.

The painting is the first undisputed work by Dürer to enter a British public collection. It is a significant addition to the gallery's collection of European painting, which had lacked an authenticated work by one of the dominant figures in European art.

The picture was put up for sale last year by Sir Nicholas Bacon, whose family acquired it in the mid-19th century for £30. It was attributed to an Italian artist until 1956, when David Carritt, an art historian and dealer, recognised



On the back: a meteor

from a photograph the Dürer-style lion in the picture.

He got himself invited for a weekend to Raveningham Hall, the Bacoo family's Georgian house outside Norwich, where he casually asked to see the St Jerome and astonished his hosts with his news. Following its authentication the painting was loaned to the Fitzwilliam Museum, Cambridge. The small panel, dating from the

final years of the 15th century, is painted in oils on both sides. The front shows St Jerome, the 4thcentury Church Father who first translated the Bible's Hebrew and Greek into Latin, in a landscape. The reverse depicts a comet or

Susan Foister, curator of early Netherlandish, German and British pictures, said it was conventional to show St Jerome against a background evoking the Last Judgment but unusual to separate the two elements. "In this period people didn't always hang pictures on the wall," she said. "It is probable that whoever owned this work kept it in a chest, bringing it out to hold during prayer and devotions."

The panel went on show yester-day at the National Gallery's Sainsbury Wing, with both sides visible through a protective glass covering. In November it will go on tour to the National Galleries of Scotland, Edinburgh; from January to the National Museum of Wales, Cardiff, and later to the Whitworth Art Gallery, Manchester, which has a significant collection of Dürer prints.



St Jerome in the Wilderness: the lion was the clue to Dürer's style

Widow wins battle for war pension

A DETERMINED pensioner has won her campaign for a war widow's pension 43 years after the death of her husband. Peggy Mason, 78, has been told by the War Pensions Agency that it is setting aside a ruling made in 1953 because of a change in medical opinion and the introduction of legislation in 1995, allowing war

widows to make fresh claims.

Mrs Mason, who remarried
in 1958 but lost her second
husband six years ago, said: "I
have fought so hard for a
pension. We were so hard up
and never got one."

She married Percy May in June 1939 and the couple were celebrating the birth of their second son when Mr May received his call-up papers.

He was commissioned in

November 1945 and posted to Singapore. In June 1947 he noticed a lump on his left arm. Although it was later ruled that it had nothing to do with his army service, his widow claimed the lump had been caused by a knock suffered while confronting looters in Singapore. Her husband died in 1953, aged 41, and the cause of death was given as multiple metastases and malignant osteoclastoma, a bone turnour.

Mrs Mason said: "This whole thing has dominated my life. He was such a wonderful man and never had a chance to fight for himself."

Brain may hold the antidote to obesity

By Nigel Hawkes SCIENCE EDITOR

THE discovery of a protein in the brain that governs feeding provides new hope for the

incorrigibly overweight.

The finding could lead to new drugs to control eating more effectively than self-discipline and more comfortably than wiring up the jaw. Eating disorders may also be brought under better control as a result of the discovery.

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Scientists from Synaptic Pharmaceutical Corporation, a New Jersey biotech company, and Ciba-Geigy report today that they have isolated a long-sought receptor in the hypothalamus, the part of the brain that controls appetite.

The receptor acts as the socket into which a substance called neuropeptide Y fits. Earlier experiments by other groups have shown that this neuropeptide is the most potent appetite stimulant known— a billionth of a gram injected into the hypothalamus of satiated rats causes

them to overeat.

The isolation of the receptor opens the way to controlling its effects. If, for example, the socket could be blocked by a drug of suitable design, then the feeding signal would also be blocked, which might stop

overeating.

Dr Kathleen Mullinix. chairman and chief executive of Synaptic, said: "Many groups have been searching for this receptor for a number of years, since it is a prime target for drugs that control appetite. This discovery puts Ciba and Synaptic squarely in the race to find new treat-

ments for obesity."

The team, led by Dr Christophe Gerald of Synaptic reports in Nature that the receptor is a protein consisting of 456 amino acids, found principally in the hypothalamus. Although it was isolated originally from rat tissue, the Synaptic scientists have shown that there is a matching receptor in the human

brain.

The Ciba team has shown that peptides that activate the receptor increase food intake in rais. An appetite-controlling drug would need to do the opposite, depressing the

receptor.

The potential market is huge. According to figures from the US National Institutes of Health, a third of Americans are overweight. Excess weight is linked to a variety of diseases, including heart disease, diabetes, high blood pressure and some forms of cancer.

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The past year has seen a rush of discoveries in obesity research, including the hormone that regulates the feeling of fullness and a number of candidates for weight-controlling drugs.

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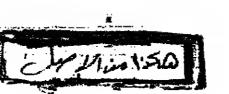




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Crisis looms as Chinese start to process young for medicines before they can breed

First study shows seahorse numbers halved in five years

By NICK NUTTALL ENVIRONMENT CORRESPONDENT

THE scahorse population is believed to have halved in the past five years, according to the first international study into trade in the creatures.

An appeal was launched yesterday to conserve and study the seahorse after the study showed that 20 million were caught each year for oriental medicines, curios, tourist ornaments and pets. Their habitats, which include coral reefs, mangrove swamps and scagrass chasts, are also being desiroyed.

Dr Amanda Vincent, a marine biologist at Oxford Univerairy who has carried out the research, said: "There appears to have been a 50 per cent decline in the past five years. Seahorses are in deep trouble. We need early action to avert a

In Britain, where two species of seahorse occasionally visit from the Bay of Biscay, they were used for medicine until the 18th century.

Dr Vincent has found that. apart from mating for life, seahorse partners greet each other almost daily in county ritual. Unlike other animals, it is the male that gives birth after the female has inserted her eggs into its brood pouch. Seahorses have been used in traditional Chinese medicine

since about 720 AD. Dr Vin-

cont's studies, funded by the Department of the Environment's Darwin Initiative and the World Wide Fund for Nature, indicate that the demand is rising at t0 per cent a year, putting 35 species at risk.Growing economic pros-perity in China means that expensive medicines such as

scahorse preparations are be-

coming mure affordable. With

dried seahorses worth more than silver in Hong Kong, fishermen have every incenlive to catch them. Dr Vincent said that the nature of the Chinese medicines market, in which seahorse was used to treat asihma, impotence, throat infections, difficulties in childbirth and skin diseases, was

also changing. Until recently, customers in China. Hong Kung and Chinese communities would visit a shop to choose a dried seahorse for powdering into a medicine. A switch to prepacked oriental medicines means manufacturers were able to process young seahorses before they can

A worldwide decline in other fish and creatures such as sea cucumbers off the Indian coast, is also putting pressure on seahorse populations as fishermen look for an alterna-

tive livelihood. Studies have found that the male has a range of one square metre, "holding onto the same seagrass shoots for weeks". Once a colony is destroyed it can take a long time for an area to be naturally re-colonised, Dr Vincent said.

Populations are also under threat from the tourist and curin trade. Hundreds of thousands of seahorses are caught each year for the pet trade, despite that fact they are nothriously difficult to keep in captivity. Dr Heather Hall, of the Zoological Society of

Project Seahorse, Jaunched hy Dr Vincent and experts with the Zoological Society, is appealing for funding. The initiative is aimed at conserving seahorses and using genetic screening to study species.

Dr Hall said that they were rying to perfect captive breeding so the pet trade in the West would no longer need supplies from the wild, it is hoped the research will also allow fisher-men to develop seahorse farming schemes.

Dr Vincent said that until. more was known about seahorse numbers she could not support a move to have them listed under the Conventinn on the International Trade in Endangered Species.



Dr Vincent with a dried seahorse, used in oriental medicine and worth more than silver in Hong Kong

'Green' singer's trout lake will destroy ancient water meadows



Sting: plans upset

BY NICK NUTTALL

A SCHEME by the rock star and environmental campaigner Sting to develop a trout lake on his estate has been given the go-ahead despite claims by the Government's Environment Agency that the project will be ecologically damaging.

The singer, who has mounted a series of well-publicised campaigns

to save the rain forests of South America and protect the Amazonian Indians, wants to flood around 0.4 hectares of land at his 500-year-old manor at Wilsford-cum-Lake, near Amesbury in Wiltshire. Environment Agency officials say it will damage water meadows by the River Avon, features of the landscape that are in sbarp decline.

The agency, along with Wiltshire County Council, which advises on conservation issues in the county, opposes the project, but it has been approved by Salisbury District Council's planning committee, which has the final say.

A spokesman for the county council said yesterday: "We are concerned about the land and its history. We are a bit surprised. He [Sting] is supposedly interested in the environment". Judith Greville, chairman of the

district council's northern area committee, which gave the go-ahead, dismissed the county's objections. She said that before the meeting there had been a lengthy site visit at which they had been shown where the trout lake would be constructed.

"There was a better-preserved wat-er meadow next door that would not be touched," she said. "The whole area was also very well conserved. The whole mood of the meeting was

The decision has angered Helen Cave-Penney, the county council's assistant archaeologist. I am very disappointed," she said. Water meadunder threat and she feared the decision would be taken as a precedent by other people.

It should be noted that the site lies within the World Heritage Site for Stonehenge and within the Avon Valley Environmentally Sensitive Area (ESA)." There was a duty on councils "to maintain and enhance the nature conservation interest of the ESA and its associated landscape and historical features".

Ms Cave-Penney said that the rate at which water meadows were being lost needed looking into. In one parish they found that 50 per cent

ows throughout Wiltshire were had been ploughed. "Athough we cannot be certain, there is nothing to suggest that this figure would not be repeated all over the county."

Officials for Sting said the trous lake would be made environmentally friendly and be designed to attract dragonflies, frogs and other wildlife.
A spokesman for the Environment
Agency said: "We have objected. Well-preserved, ancient water meadows will be destroyed."

The agency said it would be looking very closely at the project during contructinn and might consider intervening to halt it under land-

NEWS IN BRIEF

Weight joke doctor is cleared

"Jesus, you need to lose some weight". and joked that she might need a hoist to help ber get up, was cleared yesterday of serious professional mis-conduct by the General Medi-cal Council.

Sanath Weeraratna, 62, was found to have made the 54-year-old woman undress without privacy in a Rnch-dale consulting room and tn have made "derogatnry" remarks. But he was not reprimanded and was cleared of all other allegations.

Abuse training

Detectives from Scotland Yard will arrive in the Philippines on Saturday to hold a two-week training course for police and social workers on investigating child abase. The country's parliament is considering the death penalty for paedopbilia.

Swimmer killed

A British building worker has been found dead after jumping into Hong Kong barbnur from a ferry and trying to swim ashnre. Police said that the body of Ben Harris, 28, had been severed at the waist, apparently by a boat's propeller.

Beam of life

Clifton suspension bridge in Bristol is to be fitted with an infra-red device to belp to prevent suicides. Anyone whn climbs over the safety barrier will break a beam of light and set off an alarm. An average of ten people a year leap from the bridge.

Cannabis seized

More than 400 kilngrams of cannabis resin, worth £15 million, has been seized from a Spanish bus bound for Britain in the biggest drug baul yet at the Channel tunoel terminal at Coquelles. ocar Calais.

Lot of bottle

A methuselah of hurgundy, equivalent in eight bottles, sold for £20,900 in a wine auction at Sotheby's in London. The bottle of Romanee Conti 1990 (estimate £14,000-18,000) sold to a telephone bidder from the Far Ea

Government plans to double | More jobs journeys by bike in six years

By Jonathan Prynn, transport correspondent

owners were urged yesterday to double the number of inurneys they made as the Government unveiled its plans for reversing the decline of cycling.

Sir George Young called on local authorities and businesses to encourage cyclists by providing more facilities, such as cycle lanes, secure sheds and showers and changing rooms at work.

The Transport Secretary, an enthusiastic cyclist, announced the Government's new target of doubling the number of journeys made by bike within six years and quadrupling it by 2012.

The launch comes 14 years

after Kenneth Clarke, then junior transport minister, announced a similar Government ininarive for boosting cycling. Since then, the proportion of journeys made by bike has dropped from about 3 per cent to below 2 per cent. one of the lowest figures in Europe, while car use for short trips, such as running children to school, has soared.

Sir George conceded that a huge shift in amitudes was needed to persuade people to use their bikes more. "We need to change the culture so it isn't unusual to have a Secretury of State who goes around on a bicycle," he said. Under the Government's

BRITAIN'S 20 million bicycle first National Cycling Strategy, local authorities that propose allocating more road space to cyclists will be given priority in government trans-

Labour attacked the initiative as an empty gesture, and said the £8 million a year that the Government allocated for cycling only just exceeded the cost of running the ministerial car pool. Glenda Jackson, a Labour

transport spokeswoman, said: "Obviously cycling is a healthy and worthwhile pasume but the amount ministers

only a fraction more than they spend on being chauffeured to and from work every day. Telling the British public to get on its bike is not a solution to the nation's transport problems.

The average Briton travels 38 miles by bicycle and 4,150 miles by car each year. About a quarter of all car journeys are of two miles or less - the sort of journeys that Sir George said could easily be made by bike. Cycling accounts for 11 per cent of journeys in Germany, 18 per cent in Denmark and 27 per cent in Holland.



In the 14 years since Kenneth Clarke launched his cycling drive, bicycle use has fallen and car use soared

and pay for graduates

BY JOHN O'LEARY

GRADUATES job prospects are improving, with more vacancies on offer and starting salaries approaching £22,000 in some City firms.

Although the thousands of students graduating this summer face stiff competition for jobs, big firms and public-sector organisations expect to have almost 10 per cent more posts available, the Associ-ation of Graduate Recruiters reported yesterday. Many companies are doubtful that they will find the right candidates to fill all their vacancies.

The average starting salary for this year's graduates will be £14,750, an increase of 5.3 per cent on last year. Nonindustrial firms in London are offering £20,750, but hotel and catering companies outside the capital pay an average of

Firms are providing more fringe benefits. Assistance with further study is the most common, offered by more than half of those surveyed. Almost half offer private pensions and life assurance.

Four out of ten respondents had difficulty in finding suitable graduates, especially in information technology and finance. More than a third of respondents named interpersonal skills as the quality most often lacking in applicants. with commercial acumen also in short supply.

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Russia learns language of free speech and multinationals, and Oxford's relanguage for decades but suddenly there

By ROBIN YOUNG

THE FALL of the Soviet Union has stimulated a growth industry in Russian words. With more free speech, Russians have suddenly become uncommonly loquacions and the new Concise Oxford Russian Dictionary includes hundreds of words far things they could not previously put a name to.

Everyone in the Soviet Union knew In w to say labour co-operative, comrade and shot-puner, but Russian words for political correctness, househusband and golfer did not exist. Until glasnost, Russians did not admit the existence of bodybags, riot police or drug traffickers either. Since the collapse of communism Russians have also had to find new words for privatisation, venture capital

searchers have also uncovered the Russian neologism for cyberspace. For all those who need to know, it is kiberprostranstvo.

Sadly it is the rise in organised crime and the Russian mafia that have had the most marked effect on the language. according to the Oxford experts. Hitmen, human shield, money launderers and racketeers make their debut in the new dictionary. Politicians have also now been supplied with Russian words for coup plotter and arms embargo.

Other newcomers include words to identify company cars, barter economy. information superhighway, multimedia and skateboarder. A spokeswoman for Oxford University Press said: "Nothing much had happened to the Russian

was an explosion. When the Berlin Wall came down and the Saviet Union collapsed, Russia had lots of new things to deal with and did not know what to call them, so they had to invent words. Some are based on existing Russian words, some on the English version and some a mixture of the two."

Thus the Russian for drug trafficking

is narkobiznes, privatization privatizatsiya and political correctness politicheskaya korrektnost. Golfer merely becomes golfist, hitman is killer and a skateboard is a skejtbord.

The new dictionary offers a total of 190,000 translations including abbreviations, acronyms and regional variations, and should make dinner conversation for

Fine defaulters face being stripped of their driving licences

FINE defaulters could have their driving licences taken away in a government crackdown detailed yesterday.

Gary Streeter, junior minister at the Lord Chancellor's Department, said that a variety of measures would be considered other than imprisonment. They include electronic tagging and publishing names of defaulters.

Mr Streeter was launching the first phase of a campaign to tackle the problem of £200 million worth of unpaid fines a year and to ensure that prisons were not filled by persistent defaulters. "Fines are more than just money due: it is a debt to society." he said. But we also recognise we want to keep prisons free for the real offenders, the hardened, persistent criminals who break into our homes and beat up our families.

However, he ruled out legislation this autumn to end jail as a penalty. The Government appears to have stalled on plans trailed by Michael Howorison terms with community

It is also at odds with the courts over how much prison space is taken up by fine defaulters. Yesterday Rosemary Thomson, chairman of the Magistrates' Association. said new Home Office statistics showed that in March this

year there was a prison population of 54,000, of whom 149 men and 18 women were fine defaulters. "It is quite obvious that they are taking up very little prison space," Mrs Thomson said. The Lord Chancellor, Lord Mackay of Clashfern, set up a working group in May

because of concern over the £31 million written off by the courts last year in uncollected fines. Yesterday, the department announced new guidance for magistrates to encourage courts to set new timetables on payments, to make more use of supervision orders and "fines clinics" in

ard earlier this year to replace which defaulters could be advised on how to pay fines. Courts will also be able to

make an "attachment of earnings" order at the time of sentence, not just on default. Better arrangements for deducting fines from benefits are also being considered. Mrs Thomson welcomed

the new guidance which, she

said, was primarily aimed at

bringing in revenue and en-

suring that fines were an effective penalty. A fall in the prison population would be a welcome spin-off, but was not the chief aim, she added. ☐ Garages can be liable to foot the bill if they pick up parking tickets on cars in their keeping for maintenance and repairs, the High Court ruled yesterday. The judgment pro-vides important clarification of the law as more local authorities consider switching "decriminalised" parking

control, in which it is the responsibility of councils, rather than the police, to deal

with parking offences.



Nicholas Causton demonstrates his bowling action

Six wickets in six balls, just like great-grandad

Sidney George Causton:

shield mounted on it bearing

his initials and details of the

Nicholas, a pupil at Fra-mingham Earl County High

School who plays for the under-14s, said: "I would like

to have the ball I was using to

keep like my great-grandad's.

but we were playing away so it was Loddon's ball. I am

hoping they will let me have

· The demon bowler said he

had never even taken two

wickets with successive balls

before. "It was pretty funny

THE VOYAGE OF THE ST. LOUIS.

was spurned by the Western World.

How a ship carrying Jewish refugees fleeing the Nazis

achievement

A YOUNG cricketer has emulated a feat performed by his great-grandfalher 74 years ago, taking six wickets with six successive balls — the elusive double hat-trick.

However. Nicholas Causton, a 14-year-old medium pacer who employs "a bit of pin", was rather more thrilled that he managed to score four runs not out. "Although I get plenty of wickets. I don't usually make many runs," be said yesterday. His father John, ao acc-

ountant in Poringland, Norfolk, said: "I don't think Nick is old enough to realise quite what an achievement it is. I have never heard of anybody making a double hat-trick before except his great-grand-father. I have told him he will probably never see such a thiog again in his lifetime."

The boy achieved the feat in a match between his village team. Brooke and their rivals, Loddon. His great-grandfather. Sidney George Causton. made his double hat-trick in 1922, playing for the Norfolk village of Muodford. The ball he was playing with was kept as a how people kept getting out. Three were caught in the outfield, one by the wicket keeper, and I clean-bowled two. But I must have got overexcited because my next ball was a wide."

Nicholas ended his fourover stint with seven wickers for 19 runs, having had one batsman stumped before the six wickets in the last four balls of his third over and the first two of his fourth. Brooke went on to win.

Mr Causton said: "We are a sporting family, but Nick likes to do a bit of everything. He has won four Irophies at Brooke tennis club. He loves football and likes golf."

A double hat-trick has never been achieved in first-class cricket Christopher Lane spokesman for Wisden, said records were not kept for non-first-class cricket. The nearest achievement to six wickets in six balls was by Pat Pocock of Surrey, who set the world record in first-class cricket of seven wickets in Il balls against Sussex in 1972. Pocock took five wickets in six balls and five balls later he took

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Schoolboys need help to catch up with the girls

By David Charter, education correspondent

SCHOOL inspectors yesterday urged more "positive ac-tion" to help boys to catch up with high-flying girls. The call came after a study showed the gap between girls' and boys' results was widest in the most academically successful mixed

Inspectors also noted that the long-standing superiority of girls at GCSE was also becoming more marked.

Oona Stannard, a school inspector who co-wrote yesterday's report. The Gender Divide, said: "We have had reasonable success in raising the achievement of girls. But now we need to be concerned about under-achieving boys.

"We want schools to look long and hard at the factors which may be contributing to that and think about strategies of positive action which worked for girls and could

work for boys." Such action could include appointing mentors to help boys to understand the importance of passing examinations. More use could be made of technology, which boys enjoy, in subjects where they fared worst - such as English and foreign languages. Boys' schools were urged to pay particular attention to poor performance in "word-centred subjects" and to the skills boys will need to succeed, especially

Douglas Thorburn, another of the report's authors, said: "Girls tend to organise work bener, meet deadlines better and present their work better. There is some research evidence to suggest they have a greater affinity or commitment to their schools."

The report, produced by the **Equal Opportunities Commis**sion and Ofsted, the school inspection agency, confirmed that girls were more successful than boys at every subject at GCSE apart from physics. Girls were also improving at traditional boys' subjects, such as technology and science.

The picture was more mixed at A level, with boys achieving both more very poor and more very good results than girls. who tended to revert to subject stereotypes.

picture was not entirely rosy for girls: "While girls are now achieving better academic results than boys at age 16, there is little evidence to indicate that this is leading to improved opportunities in the form of training, employment, career development and economic independence for the majority of young women."

Class ordered to resit exams repeats success

A CLASS of seven-year-olds ordered to resit national tests because their marks were much better than expected have confounded conneil officials by repeating their excellent grades.

Yesterday Oxfordshire County Couocil defended its decision to make the pupils re-take mathematics and reading tests, saying it bad to look into results that were "out of kilter" with national and county averages

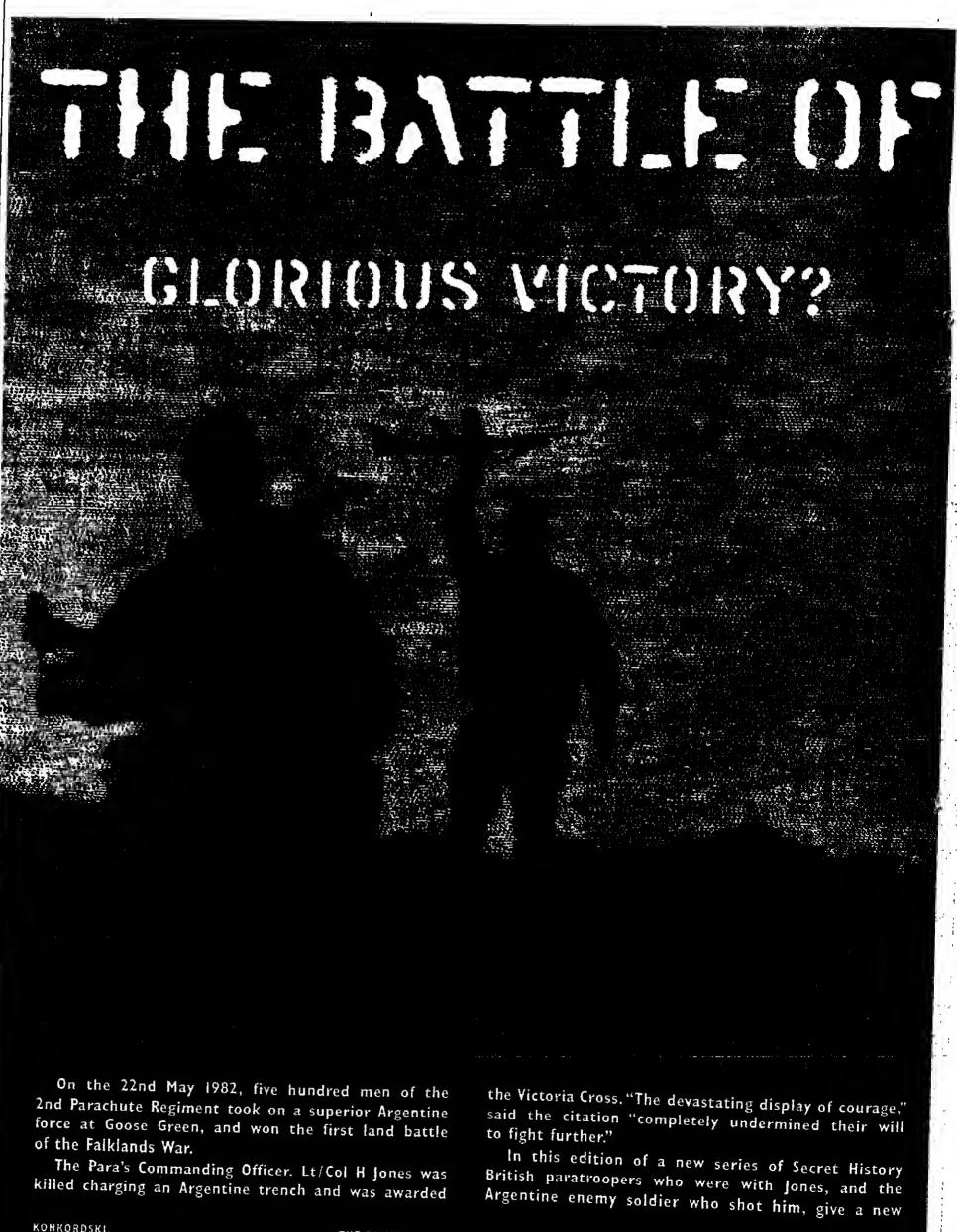
er of Stephen Freeman County Primary School in Didcot. said that the pupils had been vindicated and were part of an exceptionally bright year. Six weeks ago. 30 of the 59 seven-year-olds achieved above-average level-three grades in the national tests for reading and mathematics. County officials were suspicious of this "statistical blip" and ordered the resits.

Mr Price said: "It was a retrograde step that the local authority came in and ordered a resit. I felt we could have discussed a solutioo."

boycott the resits but were told this would give their children a zero score. One parent, Jackie MeMinn. said: "It's disgusting that a seven-year-old should have to

as high the second time, but Mr Price put this down to the





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Foreign Office papers, 1949

Orwell was recruited to fight Soviet propaganda

GEORGE ORWELL, terminally ill with tuberculosis, was enlisted in 1949 by the topsecret Information Research Department of the Foreign Office to help Britain to fight the propaganda might of the Soviet Union. His left-wing credentials made him exactly the type of author the departmeni wanied to write anticommunist material.

The department was set up to collect anti-communist information and use in a way that did not look like propaganda, It was thus keen to recruit known leftwingers rather than authors or politicians on the Right.

Drwell's Animal Farm, published four years earlier. was already being published in Russian, ready to smuggle to troops in Soviet-occupied zones of Berlin and Vienna. Official papers published yesterday show that, in March 1949, Celia Kirwan, a departmeni officer, was seni io see Orwell at his sanatorium in

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An extract from Orwell's letter to Celia Kirwan

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Orwell also warned against

Cranham, Gloucestershire. She reported that he was enthusiastic, but 100 ill to write or rewrite articles. He died in

However, he gave her a list of authors who could be trusted. They included Darsie Gillie, The Guardion's Paris correspondent, and Franz Borkenau, who wrote for The Observer.

Orwell strongly recontmended Victor Gollancz as a publisher, although Gollancz had rejected Animol Farm. He warned, however, that Gollancz at the time was "oneeven more than Germany," he wrote. "Of course this is just a misunderstanding but, as long as it is so, I do not think we do ourselves any good denouncing anti-Seminsm in other nations." A total of 211 bundles of

documents covering the department's activities in 1949. its second year of operation, were released by the Public Record Office in Kew. They cover Soviet labour camps, the establishment of a Singapore tine. A couple of days later he wrote: "I could also, if it is of officer to counter the commu-nist uprising in Malaya and the potential spread of comany value, give you a list of journalists and writers who, in munism in the colonies.

They show British Embassies anxious to receive copies and translations of Animal Farm. "I have been so taken with the relevance of Orwell's fairy story," wrote Ernest Mair. our man in Cairo. The idea is particularly good for Arabic, in view of the fact that both pigs and dogs are unclean animals to Muslims."

A group of Russian refugees in West Germany published

The Foreign Office thought Orwell an ideal propagandist after Animal Farm successfully satirised Stalinism

the book in magazine instalments. They wrote to Orwell asking for enough money to publish it in book form. Their letter said: "This is not mercenary, but exclusively in the interests of the cause of countering Bolshevism, which cause your book serves so brilliantly and to which we give our energies and if need

oners. One survivor of Soviet and Nazi camps told an inter-rogator: "Russian camps were filthy and full of disease. where German ones were spotlessly clean. The Soviets were more brutal, where Ger-

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ed was about conditions in

Soviet forced labour camps.

The files are packed with

harrowing stories from pris-

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sadisric." However, the department was less interested in the detail than in the overall statistics of how many prisoners were being kept in such conditions, to frighten the rest of the world about the dangers of communism.

It tried without great success to find good publishers for anti-Soviet propaganda. Allen Lane, of Penguin, was fed some material which he

decided was too boring to print. The department was also looking for foreign authors with left-wing credentials. The Paris Embassy sent a list including François Mau-riae and Deladier. Ralph-Murray, head of the department, scathingly described the list as "right-wing deadbeats, Catholics, Gaullists and small-timers" whose use was

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Politically correct lexicon discouraged use of 'communist'

THE propagandists of White-hall were worried that politicians and writers should choose the right words in their speeches and articles. After wide consultation they produced a list of dos and don'ts for those involved in anti-commuoist propaganda.

"Communists" should not be used because of its "vague attraction", "Red" caused confusion with Soviet policies and was in any event "a term of reactionary abuse". Stalin should not be denigrated although it was "important to explode the fallacy that Stalin is a benevolent realist who is prepared to overrule the rasher and more intransigent decisions of his subordinates".

"Soviet imperialism" was better than "Russian imperialism" because the criticism was of the regime, not the country. "Genocide" was useful because it was "capable of such variance as genocidal maniac". "Iron Curtain". "puppet state", "dictator" and "totalitarian" were all acceptable, but "Soviet fear belt" was wrong because it stressed the strength of the Soviet

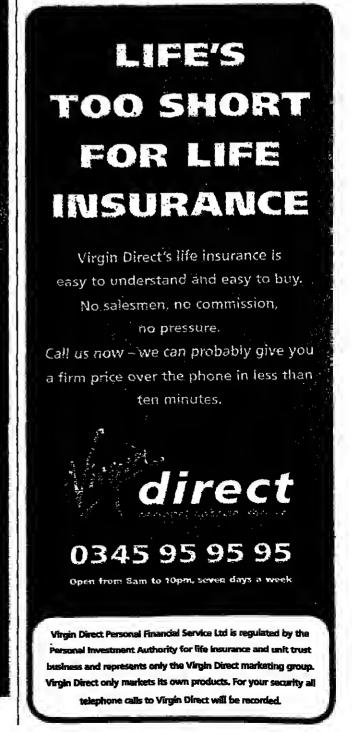
The list was produced after a successful speech to the UN general assembly in 1948 by Ernest Bevin, the Foreign Secretary, on Soviet forced labour camps. The speech, according to notes in the

papers, left the Soviet delegation "feeble and blustering" and led the department to see speeches as a perfect way of undermining communism.

Ralph Murray, head of the department, tried to think up new terms of politically correct abuse linking the Soviet regime with Hitler. He suggested "Communo-Fascism" but his superior at the Foreign Office, Christopher Warner. had another idea. "I wonder if Communazi would catch on?" he wrote in the margins.

The department was greatly concerned about the growing communist threat in Africa. particularly in South Africa. where it considered that the unions were "infected by In a detailed report on

African communism it concluded that its message was "presented in a crude, simpli-fied form that is free from dogma". Written at a time when Nelson Mandela was beginning to become active in politics, the report said that African communism was "largely dependent for its success oo respected, able. native leaders. The cry of 'Africa for the Africans' hums more sincerely from native lips," It said that, at that time, there were few Africans in the forefront of politics, and those who were tended to be "detribalised".



French elite rides out tide of scandal Mitterrand love

Crème de la crème soured by spate of corruption claims

From Ben Macintyre in Paris

fter maturing for years, a series of corruption scandals running through the French establishment like veins through Roquefort, have simultaneously ripened, and 1996 shows every sign of producing a bumper crop of politicians and businessmen suspected or convicted of illegal activities.

In the past fortnight, two former Cabinet ministers have had corruption convictions upheld, the chairman of the state-owned SNCF rail company, pending a fraud investigation, was put behind bars — where he joined the head of France's largest cancer research charity — and the Mayor of Paris was further enmeshed in an inquirry into alleged illegal party funding.

Since December, the head of

Since December, the head of France's premier construction company, the chief of the country's biggest investment bank and the president of Renault have all joined the expanding club of industrialists mis en examen, or placed under formal investigation for a variety of alleged offences.

No fewer than 30 French company heads have been placed under investigation in the past three years, along with dozens of lesser executives from such reputable institutions as the banks, Société Générale and Paribas, construction companies Saint-Gobain and Bouyges, and the telecommunications giant Alcatel-Alsthom.

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The individuals placed under investigation represent an elevated cross-section of the political and industrial elite.

many of whom attended the same universities, reflecting the sometimes dubiously close relationship between politics and business. Loik Le Floch-Prigent, the

SNCF chief, is being investigated over the transfer of more than £100 million to a friend's ailing textile firm while head of the oil giant, £1f-Aquitaine, in the late 1980s. Jacques Crozemarie, the former head of the ARC cancer research association and M Le Floch-Prigent's fellow immate at La Santé prison, is alleged to have spent hugesums on his mistresses but very little on research. Politicians from both Left and Right are believed to have profited from ARC funds.

Bernard Tapie, the flamboyant former sports tycoon and Socialist minister, faces jail for match-rigging and tax-evasion, while Alain Carignon, once a rising star of the ruling Gaullist RPR party, was sentenced on Tuesday to four years jail for taking kickbacks in return for a water deal while Mayor of Grenoble.

Jean Tiberi, the Mayor of Paris, now appears likely to avoid prosecution over allegations that renovations were carried out on a city-owned flat for his son, but an inquiry is still underway into charges that the Paris housing office under him funnelled kickbacks to the Gaullist party.

Brothers Martin and Nicho-

las Bouygues of France's largest construction group have each been placed under investigation in separate fraud inquiries. Earlier this year a Belgian court investigating



Clockwise from top left. Jacques Crozemarie, former charity boss; Serge Dassault, aviation chief: Loik Le Floc-Prigent, rail chairman; Jean-Louis Beffa, industrialist: Louis Schweitzer, head of Renault; Jean Tiberi, Mayor of Paris; Alain Carignon, politician; Pierre Suard, of Alcatel-Alsthom; Didier Pineau-Valencienne, industrialist: and Bernard Tapie, ex-minister

corruption issued an arrest warrant for Serge Dassault, chief of the French aviation company. In December, André Lévy-Lang, head of the Paribas investment bank, faced allegations of falsifying accounts. Jean-Louis Beffa, head of the St Gobain group, has been under investigation since 1994 for alleged "influ-

ence-trafficking.

The wave of investigations has been hailed as proof of renewed determination on the part of the judiciary to prosecute top-level malefactors, after being muzzled under the Socialist regime of François Mitterrand. But there are also accusations that the present Government is trying to scupper investigations when members of the ruling party, such as M Tiberi, are involved.

Many captains of industry

investigation as an occupational hazard, a minor and temporary inconvenience that does linle to impinge on their business activities.

appear to treat formal legal

ouis Schweitzer, for example, remains head of Renault despite being placed under investigation for alleged wire-tapping when he was Chief of Staff to Laurent Fabius, a former Socialist Prime Minister. Gilles Ménage, former head of the state-electricty company EDF, was placed under investigation on similar charges.

When a Belgian international arrest warrant prevented Didier Pineau-Valencienne, head of the Schneider electrical group, from leaving France, he simply ran his subsidiaries by video-conference.

Earlier this year, an appeals court upheld a guilty verdict against television presenter Patrick Poivre D'Arvor for accepting bribes: he is back on the nightly news. Pierre Suard was only forced out as head of Alcatel-Alsthom when a judge banned him from talking to

Similarly, M Le Floch-Prigent has refused to resign and must attempt to continue his overhaul of the hugely indebted French rail system from a jail cell. His appointement last December by President Chirac, in the knowledge that a full-scale corruption investigation was pending, has given the unavoidable impression that the President is not overly concerned by legal niceties.

The widespread belief that investigation and even conviction do not seriously affect

political or business careers in France was illustrated by a cartoon on the front-page of Libération newspaper yesterday, showing M Tapie and M Carignon landing on their heads. "You're sure we can rebound from this?" M Tapie asks M Carignon. "No problem, "comes the reply. "I've got four years to get in training."

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The paper also asked: "Will there have to be a 'Clean Hands' operation in France?" like that in Itlay. "Yes, and it is under way, But it won't happen without difficulties."

As investigative magistrates burrow deeper, there are disquieting signs that business and politics may be continuing as usual. This week, the Government admitted bugging the telephones of several top aides.

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Mitterrand love story enhances romantic image

By BEN MACINTYRE

THE manuscript of a "sentimental-crotic" short story written in 1940 by the late François Mitterrand was auctioned in Paris this week, reinforcing the Socialist President's posthumous reputation as a life-long Lotbario with a literary

The manuscript of Premier Accord was sold for Fr38.000 (E5.000), along with a poem and three letters by Mitterrand, who died on January 8. The future President was 23 years old, a staff sergeant in the French Army preparing for the German offensive, when he wrote the short to the style of Mills & Boon than Marcel Proust.

Premier Accord recounts the love affair of Elsa and Philippe with much breast-heaving and suggestive flourishes: "She loved Philippe passionately. Unlike those women who consent to love as if forgetting to him as a spontaneous gift. He put the finishing touches to her sensual delights."

Gérard Oberlé, an expert

Gérard Dberlé, an expert on rare books and a friend of the late President, said he had bought the manuscript as a "gesture of affection".

The poem by Mitterrand, dated September 16, 1939, was bought for Fr8,000 by an imidentified blond man wearing tweeds and extracted in the French press yesterday.

Pluie amie. es-tu venue/Pour moi/Pour me dire que le ciel/D'autrefois/Sait encore les couleurs et les larmes que j'aime? (Friendly rain, have you come/For me/To tell me that the sky/Of bygone days/Srill knows the colours and the tears that f love?)

French literary opinion was divided yesterday on the quality of Mitterrand's youthful outpourings. Thierry Bodin, a critic, concluded that the shnrt story was "charming, but all the same sub-sub-Giraudoux", the French novelist of the 1920s and 1930s. The organisers of the sale called the short story "vaguely erotic" and the style "too classical".

France-Soir praised Mitterrand's "dry writing, his infallible choice of the right words. Mitterrand wrote prose as it is no looger written: roving across sentiments with nuance and colours."

The romande events of Mitterrand's life at the time he wrote Premier Accordare plainly reflected in his writing. Before the war, he had fallen in love with Marie-Louise Terrasse, who went on to become a television presenter and may well have been the model for Elsa. Mitterrand penned daily letters from the front, until she finally agreed to marry him.

On June 14, 1940, a month after writing Premier Accord, Mitterrand was wounded and incarcerated in a German prisoner of war camp. By the time he escaped, Marie-Louise had fallen for a young Polish man, whom she married, leaving M Minerrand to discover the future Danielle Mitterrand and begin his political ascent.

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An excerpt from the Mitterrand manuscript

Seveso legacy clouds future of Italian disaster relief FROM RICHARD OWEN Swiss border, where levels of DDT factory owned by Icrnesa, a subsid- protest when they were not allowed opened yesterday, despite the doubt

TROM KICHARD OWEN

TWENTY years after one of the worst chemical disasters in Europe, Italy is still grappling with its handling of environmental emergencies. Edo Ronchi, Minister for the Environment, said he was disturbed that Italy was facing a new pollution threat at Lake Maggiore, near the

from a chemical plant are reportedly 20 times the permitted limit. People in Seveso, near Milan

People in Seveso, near Milan, yesterday recalled the nightmare that changed their lives and which helped to spawn the environmental movement which was to become a potent political force. On July 10, 1976, a cloud of poison gas spread across the area after an explosion at a chemical

iary of Roche, the Swiss giant.
Thousands of people were evacuat-

ed, but hundreds still developed skin rashes, burns and liver and kidney problems. Scores of farm animals died as the gas, dioxin, settled across a swath of land several miles wide. There followed confusion among the authorities and residents who had been evacuated resorted to violent

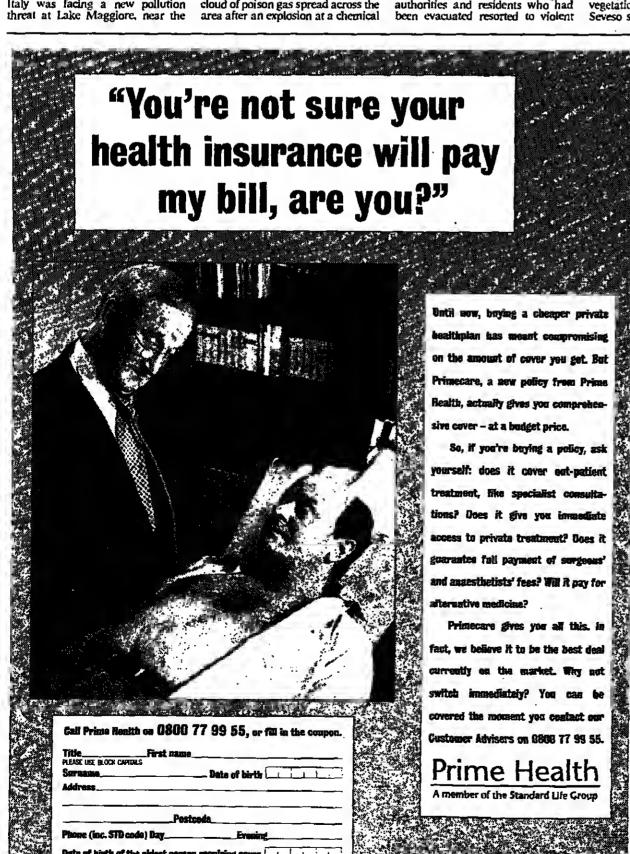
back to their homes after three months living in makeshift accommodation in Milan. Twenty years on, the Icmesa

chemicals plant has disappeared. Houses in the contaminated area were demolished, along with the factory, and 400 acres of soil and vegetation were incinerated. The Seveso site is now a park, officially

of some environmentalist groups.
Local residents said they wanted the image of Seveso to change. "This is not Chernobyl," one said.

A spate of floods and forest fires

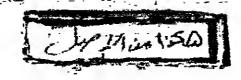
A spate of floods and forest fires this summer has raised new questions over ftaly's capacity to handle disasters, with allegations of corruption and Mafia involvement in the clean-up operations.

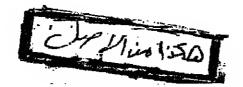


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and love nhances The baroness who aims to ambush Portillo

dreams up the wheeze of privatising Armed Forces housing to raise £1.6 billion it knew it might irritate a few old generals but it had reckoned without Baroness Park of Monmouth.

Daphne Margaret Sybil Désirée Park is possibly the most daunting woman in Britain. Agatha Christie, John le Carré and lan Fleming have never matched her exploits as Britain's Queen of Spies. This is a woman who relishes challenges She was brought up in the wilds of Tanganyika, surrounded by leopards and plagues of locusts.

She has been statinned in Moscow and Ulan Bator, in Mongolia, where she wasn't just giving dinner parties for the Foreign Office bin was also an officer for M16. In Hanoi, during the Vietnam War, she lived in a house of weevils, worms and leaky roofs. While her friends discovered the Greek islands and Tuscany, her holidays were spent "doing research" on post-Stalinist Russia and the civil war in the Belgian Congo.

Baroness Park does not like doing interviews. She believes in public service and thinks that civil servanis should keep quiei. But that was unol she came across the Government's plans to sell off the Army's married quarters.

When she first read about soldiers' wives being worried about being thrown out of their homes to make way for developers, she thought she would make a "small" speech in the Lords. As she listened to more of the women's concerns, it turned into an amendment, today, to the Housing Bill. If successful, she will have stalled the self-off for three months for extensive consultation and there will be a vote on any new proposals. John Major is so worried that he will talk person-

ally to peers before the debate. Baroness Park was prepared to move quietly behind the scenes until the issue was "hijacked" by Tory poliocians. They turned it into a fight between those who support Michael Portillo, the beleaguered Defence Secretary, and those who back the other right-wing heirapparent, John Redwood.

The Baroness was not amused.

Having never met Mr Redwood,

Baroness Park of Monmouth is campaigning against the sale of army housing. Alice Thomson reports

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she was incensed to be thought in "his camp". Although a Tory peer, she hates being anached to any dogma and she certainly did not want to share a political bed with a fellow from All Souls College who did not appear to have much nous. This, she insisted, was not a

political issue, but a national defence issue. She decided that she would suffer the embarrassment of an interview. As we sit in her living room,

travel rugs over our knees to keep out the cold, a Thermos of coffee and coconut biscuits on the table, the 75-year-old baroness says: "The Armed Forces are 'It is up to

punch-drunk with all the changes they have had to suffer in the past few years and all the redundancies. The wives have so little security in their lives any-way. Many move 39 times in a career and each time they have to

find new schools, new

doctors and new parttime jobs. Their husbands often spend long tours abroad. Their compounds are the one thing they all used to feel secure about, but now they are under threat."

Under government proposals, the contractors that buy the properdes will then lease them back or "comparable" will find other

r Portillo has promised that compounds will not be split and families will not be forced to move. "The service chiefs have to back the plans because they are not supposed to be political and the officers are expected to be loyal to the last," she says. "It is up to peers and MPs to come to their defence. There are not nearly enough safeguards preventing unscrupulous contractors from cherry-picking the best properties and leaving army families with mouldy

housing scattered miles away from their bases. Some wives are becoming so dispirited that they will push

their husbands to leave. Baroness Park believes that the Government whittles away at Army morale and the defence budget at its peril. She is convinced that the former Soviet Union is still a major threat to world peace and explains that its defence programme is alive and kicking. It includes building a series of new submarines, which will leave Britain looking stupid if hostilities

"Our Armed Forces are vital and yet they are being treated more shoddily than failed supermarkets. It is all ghastly," she says. Peers from all sides. who know about the years Baroness Park spent in Moscow, bow to her superior knowledge. Many will follow her ionight despite the Government's heavy lobbying and even if she fails, her speech is

leave ministers feeling Baroness Park is more Miss Marple than Mata Hari, First there is her appearance: sensible shoes, pendant round her neck, cardigan, beady brown eyes and quizzical evebrows. Then there is the functional 1930s flat in olives and browns with neat piles of paper everywhere. She has an extraordinarily self-confident stillness about her which inspires people to confide in her. Only her anecdotes are

from the Russian steppes rather

than St Mary Mead. She will not admit to being a secret servant, merely asking: "I presume you know what I used to do?" While discussing why a stable family base is so important to Army life, she explains that her father was a Nyasaland Frontier Force intelligence officer, tobacco grower and gold prospector. She received her education from reading to her

mother who was going progressively blind and then through a correspondence course. The books would often arrive waterlogged because the runner had had to because the runner had had to wade across rivers. Her brother, David, died of typhoid at 14. At ten her parents saved up for her to live with her grandmother in Streatham and she did not see them again until she was 28.

She says her childhood was "very stable" because her carandmother

stable" because her grandmother and great-aunts indulged her, allowing her to stay up at night listening to the wireless or do her homework at 5am.

he also loved her local school and was very much the St Trinian's girl with inky hands and thickrimmed spectacles. Even at 18, Baroness Park knew she did not want to be a teacher or nurse. After Oxford, she craved excitement and during the war worked in the Special Operations Executive. It was a short step to MI6. "I loved my job - it was incredibly exciting, painfully so sometimes, but very worthwhile. Everyone you worked with was so intelligent and brave and we all trusted each other. The whole thing about double-dealing is perfect nonsense," she says.

She retired to a full-time job as Principal of Somerville College, alma maier of Margaret Thatcher, Indira Gandhi and Iris Murdoch, where she captivated her young

charges for nine years.

Much of her life has been spent as the only woman among men, but she has never married. It is obvious that it was not through lack of offers; even now she has a coterie of male peers who worship her. Like many of her generation, the person she cared about was killed during Then for years, she says, it would

have been difficult to combine a husband with her job and now she is happy on her own. "I would like someone to do up the back zip of my dress and talk with after a party, but that is all. It's the luck of the draw. I have had a wonderful life with lots of friends. I am an instinctive enjoyer," she says. The issue of army wives has inspired her. "The Lords is my fourth career and it is as fascinating as the rest."



Baroness Park claims the Armed Forces are being treated "more shoddily than failed supermarkets

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It's just not cricket

Monday, that is not to do with cricketing skills but with class and integrity. Botham, the working man's hero, is effect ively suing Sir James Goldsmith's son-in-law, a likely Prime Minister of Pakistan, over whether or not the Englishman is a gentleman. It is set to be a farce.

A few years ago a spat such as this would have been sorted out in the bar, or, in the case of these two great cricketers, a nightclub such as Tramp, which Pakistani cricketers refer to as Imran's sitting room. Alas, sportsmen, like everybody else, have become increasingly litigious. What is more, high-earning players such as Botham and Imran can now afford to hire leading QCs in, respectively, Charles Gray and George Carman.

The issue is not merely of class, but of race and pride as well. Imran, who has riled Botham by alleging that ball-tampering is rife in English cricket, is a gifted individual of absolute opinions, whose political ambitions, like the cancer hospital he has built in Paki-stan, are rarely out of the news. As Jonathan Mermagen, his closest English friend, puts it: "Imran will not back down to that man." Botham's, ambitions do not extend beyood the sport's arena, but he is no less stubborn away from it.

The media, of course, will have huge fun at their ex-pense. After the treatment Germany's footballers received from the Daily Mirror, what hope for an aloof Pakistani taking on one of the biggest names in British sport? Ball-tampering has been an emotive issue ever since Allan Lamb, the former

an Botham v Imran This is no way sward, but in the High for gentlemen to behave, says Ivo Tennant



Imran Khan: class action

bringing a separate but related action against Imran. openly accused the 1992 Paki-

stani team of cheating. Ball-tampering, which as often as not in the past has meant the lifting of the seam by the dextrous use of a fast bowler's fingernail, is banned. Some umpires and many captains, however, have chosen to ignore this. What started this contretemps was an admission by Imran that he once asked their 12th man to bring out a bottle top with which he could deface the ball and consequently obtain greater movement with it.

ere! must declare an mvolvement. Imran admitted using this bottle top during one of the interviews he gave me when I was preparing a biography of him. We had just had a lengthy discussion about religion, the Koran and the fact he termed "the age of spirituality". I am convinced that his confession. To his credit, he did not attempt to withdraw the remarks.

Among the cricketers Imran has turned to for support are Clive Lloyd, the former West Indies captain; Mudassar Nazar, a former Pakistani colleague, Phil Edmonds, his one good friend among English opponents; and Derek Pringle, the former England all-rounder who is prepared to stand by his belief that "any fast bowler worth his salt tampers with the ball". Witnesses involved on behalf of Botham and Lamb include Test cricketers David Gower, Bob Willis, John Emburey, Courtney Walsh, Curtly Ambrose, Bob Taylor and an umpire, Don Oslear.

In an interview two years ago, Imran claimed there was a difference in class and upbringing between his detractors, such as Botham and Lamb, and those who comprehended ball-tampering. Pringle, Tony Lewis, a former England captain, and Christopber Martin-Jenkins, the writer and commentator, are all Oxbridge men like himself. Botham, it is true, was educated at a state school and did not go to university, but, as a Thatcherite, be sees the definioon of class as having more to do with integrity and bonour than social standing.

So a matter which should have been resolved amicably is likely to incur costs of more than £500,000. Cricket has always had connotations of fair play and neither Botham nor Imran would wish to be seen in any other light. It was never meant to be a game played in the High Court. Let the victor gain half a penny in

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Solicitors' credibility is at stake

today, says Frances Gibb

history. There bave been no executions, but recent months have seen a distinguished profession torn apart by unprece-dented back-stabbing and hostilities. The old order at the Law Society, the solicitors' professional body in England and Wales, has been acrimoniously displaced. Now some 68,000 solicitors most decide what its future should be.

On the face of it, their choice is simple: should they endorse the presidency of Martin Mears, the Great Yarmouth solicitor who was swept to power last summer on a populist vote, or is it time to replace him with someone more conciliatory?

Large numbers of solicitors are undecided. Perhaps more significantly, many may not return their ballot papers. The Law Society, they feel, is an irrelevance, its activities distant from their day-to-day work, Perhaps they are bemused by recent events. Is Mr Mears for reform or revisionism? Is he an iconoclast, ready to shake up the cosy Law Society, which before last year had seen no contested elections for its leaders in 40 years, or a back-

woodsman who wants to turn back the clock to the days when any solicitor could earn a comfor able living?

The vote is about more than a style of leadership, a slate of policies, ft is, first, abom the future shape of law

firms and whether the small high street practitioner will survive. Tied with that is a second question: the role of the solicitors' professional body, and whether it can both represent its members and regulate them in the public interest.

It is two years since Martin Mears arrived on the Law Society cooncil, and last summer he was overwhelmingly voted in as president, on a tide of discontent. His view, and that of many others, was that the society has become an expensive, complacent bureaucracy. with 700 staff and a budget of £44 million at a time when law belts. Cut off from the struggles of small firms to meet their overheads and earn a living, the society was deluging them with new rules, management standards and discrimination codes.

Mears's views struck a chord. The solicitors' profession, like others, was in crisis. The recession had coincided with a change in the nature of the job. The staple diet of conveyancing had become the least profitable kind of work, rather than a lucrative line subsidising legal aid. From making up half the profession's earnings in the 1960s. it had fallen to 12 per cent. Legal aid work had also become more tightly controlled, and the perk which allowed solicilors to keep interest on their

clients' money was abolished.
On top of all this came consumerism and a shift in the relationship between solicitor and client. A new cul-throat competition emerged between lawyers themselves. Some solicitors, according to one view,

oday solicitors go to the polls in the midst of the public did not owe them a living. A few turned to dishonesty, and the compensation bill to be met by the rest of the profession soured - squeezing the small solicitor yet further. The Law Society, under its

former chief executive, John Hayes, has been seeking to lead the profession into this brave new world. Its energies, he says, "need to be directed towards reinforcing a change in the culture of the profession one which emphasises client care, promotes professional excellence, and does not regard the following of sound business practice as somehow alien to the values of the profession".

He was pragmatic and farsighted. But for many small firms fighting for sorvival the change was too much, too soon. It confirmed their view that Chancery Lane was another world. The change also showed the widening gap between the two sides of the profession, the high street solicitor earning no more than a social worker or teacher, and the commercial lawyers in large firms able to meet the new consumerist demands. This gap has always existed,

and it has always created a tension within a society trying to speak Should the both for the larger firms, which consociety be tribute the lion's share of its income a trade but have little interest in its affairs, and union or a the small ones, toregulator? wards which its acrivities are largely directed.

> Some say the society can and should represent the whole profession and that this can and should be done in harness with regulation. But Mears's revolution has inspired others to challenge such fundamentals. One candidate for the presidency. Anthony Bogan, advocates splitting the society's functions. He is unlikely to command the sopport of either Mears in the high street, or his rival. Tony Girling, who has a middle-ofthe-mad, one-profession appeal. But Bogan's view deserves scrutiny.

split insist, that the Law Society's influence would be weakened if it became a "rump Irade union" or simply a regulatory body? Its stand-ing is not high now, and its influence on issues such as legal aid reform has been hampered as it has sought to appease both solicitors and the public. By contrast, the British Medical Association - the doctors' representative body. which is separate from the profession's regulatory body, the General Medical Council - is well regarded, and succeeds in speaking for both GPs and hospital doctors with authority.

Soch a split at the Law Society would take time and legislarion. li would also, no doubt. cost solicitors more than the present arrangement. But it might banish the spectre of state regulation of the profession under a Labour government. And in terms of enhanced credibility with the





WOMEN BECOME FORGETFUL WHILE MEN GET GRUMPIER (REPORT ON AGEING)

Save the Canova or bust

f there is such a lhing as compassion fatigue, there most also be heritage rescue farigue, and if there is heritage rescue farigue, I imagine that Canova fatigue must also have its familiar clinical symptoms. I am sure that I could hardly have picked a worse moment than the week after the Becket chasse fiasco to stand up and plead on the Ashmolean Museum's behalf. The trouble is, one does not choose these moments: they are thrust upon os. Unless a further £80,000 is forthcoming. Canova's Ideal Hend will be exported on August 9. We desperately want this luminous piece for Oxford.

It has a remarkable story. You will remember that when the French armies under Napoleon swept south through Italy, they took the very best art with them back to the Louvre. The horses of St Mark's, Venice, were placed on the newly built Arc du Carrousel. The Uffizi lost, for instance, the Medici Venos. The Papal States, under terms of the Treaty of Tolentino in 1797, were forced to yield a hundred masterpieces, incloding all the most famous sculptures in the Vatican and the Capitoline museums: the Laocoan, the Dying Gladiator, the Boy removing o Thorn from his

After the Battle of Waterloo, Pope Pius VII seni Canova, no diplomat but the most famous artist in Eorope, to negotiate for the return of Rome's masterpieces. The sculptor nervously made a will, had himself kitted out with an embroidered coort dress, with a bag and sword, went to Paris and, arriving on August 29, 1815, took himself off to see Talleyrand at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Everyone knew what Canova's mission most be, and in a few minutes the sculptor found himself out on his ear, in the street, still in his finery - looking, no doubt, like an elaborate piece of interior decorating. and feeling as one does when one is used to wearing a smock, but finds oneself instead kitted out like a fourposter bed.

At that moment, by luck, he was recognised by one of his countrymen. vho look him along to see William Richard Hamilton, the British Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs. Hamilton, I have 10 say, was an expert at getting sculptures from A to B under adverse circumstances. perhaps the greatest expert of his day. poblic and the profession. it may be a price worth paying. He got the Rosetta Strine from Egypt after the Battle of Alexandria. and the

The poet and critic James Fenton launches the Ashmolean's campaign

to keep a great sculpture in Britain

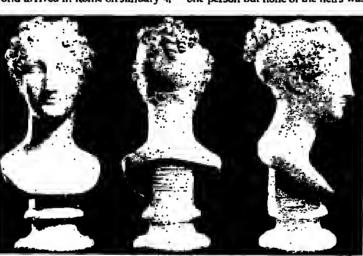
Elgin Marbles, first from the Parthenon, and later, after they had sunk, from the bottom of the sea. I am not saying that Hamilton was

an entirely savoury character, bul when it came to networking he coold hardly be bettered: he introduced Canova to Castlereagh, who put him in louch with Wellington, Wilhelm von Humboldt (the Prussian minis-ter). Metternich, The Emperor of Austria and, for good measure, the Tsar of Rossia. All pulled together, and the British even agreed to finance the return of the sculptures to Rome, with the Prince Regent chipping in on the advice of the Paymaster General, Charles Long.
On October I, the restitution

began. The horses of St Mark's, which had arrived in Paris two decades before, preceded by real lions and followed by dromedaries, were taken down from the Carrousel Arch. The next day (as Francis Haskell and the Antiquel, "Canova, backed by complicated legal arguments, by Allied bayonets, and above all by the friendship of the English diplomat William Hamilton, began his operations. After difficulties of every kind, the wagons carrying what were still the most famous sculptures in the world arrived in Rome on January 4, 1816." The scene of their return was painted by Francesco Hayez in a onene in a new wing of the Valican Moseum. Amazingly enough, he painted this only three years after François Gérard had been commissioned by the Louvre to paint a mural showing "the arrival in Paris of the masterpieces of art conquered by the Treaty of Tolentino".

Canova didn't get all his masterpieces back because Louis XVIII sneakily put several of the pictures into royal apartments, to which he absolutely refused access. The Pope didn't press the point. Everyone admitted that Canova had been remarkably successful, and he himself was keen to thank the people to whom he owed his success. So he carved four 'ideal heads" and inscribed them to Wellington, Castlereagh, Charles Long and Hamilton.

he Wellington head is still in thereagh head is still in the possession of the Londonderry family. The Charles Long head went to Fort Worth, Texas. The head the Ashmolean wants to buy passed by descent through the Hamilton heirs until, as I understand it, it was inherited by more than one person but none of the heirs was



Three views of one Ideal Head: £80,000 to defend our heritage

in a position to buy the others out. Despite this perfectly pukkah provenance, nobody knew, when the piece came up at aoction last year, whether it would make a high figure or whe-ther Canova fatigue would tell against it. I have read that the market was asleep. Not so. The piece had been carefully written up by the great Canova expert Hogh Honour, and was widely publicised. The dealer who bought it for just under £400,000 was locky.

It is exasperating for the public to read that a piece that sold for such a price last December will now cost £746.000 to save for the nation. A part of this mark-up is VAT, but the rest is. of course, profit. I have to say that it is just as exasperating for a moseum to operate in this way as it is for the public. But the Ashmolean has a purchase fund of only £40,000 a year. It cannot possibly intervene at the auction stage - and, of course, if it hod bid. It might well have driven up

the price. There is no scandal in this case. This is only the system at work. The system is that when the Export Licence Review Committee has deliberated, and in this case made the Canova bust a starred item, then the people from the V&A choose a to go out and fight, like Horatius on the bridge. The Ashmolean could, of coorse, decline the honour of being the champion, but it has been chosen because the busi is of profound national and aestheuc significance, and profoundly appropriate as an addition to its collection.

So the museum not only desires bot has a duty to put itself forward as a purchaser. And this involves the sacrifice of all kinds uf departmental funds, the scraping together of every-thing available. So far, £100,000 has been raised in this way, including money from the Friends and the Pilgrim Trust. The shortfall of £80,000 is the sum needed before the meeting of the National Heritage Memorial Fund on Joly 23. Before that meeting, our case goes before the National Art Collections Fund. If both these decisions go against us, we shall all be chucked in the Tiber. without having had the honnur of successfully defending our heritage

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The outhor is Professor of Poetry at Oxford University. Williom Rees-Mngg is away.

Marching to the IRA's tune

Don't squeeze the

Orangemen, says

Eilis O'Hanlon

rish republicans still vehemently deny that grateful Catholics came out in the early 1970s to welcome incoming British soldiers with cups of lea. Equally, they now pour scorn on the idea that Catholics used to come out in strength to see the lodges of the Protestant Orange Order march down their traditional routes.

I was born in 1965, and grew up in Belfast during the Troubles of the early 1070s in a staonchly Catholic. republican family in the working-class north of the city. I vividly recall troming down to the corner as a child to watch the Twelfth of July par-ades. What it was all about I had, of course, no notion, but none of my Protestant or Catholic neighbours ever communicated to me the slightest sense that I was wimessing a sinister triumphalist procession by alien Planters claiming the right to rule me and my kind.

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Orange Order parades may have been the focus for periodic disorder; few things in Northern Ireland are not. But in those days, Orange marches held few of the sectarian associations with which republican mythology now invests them. Though as children we often sang obscene variations of Protestant anthems without quite knowing what nur words meant, the sombre marchers in bowler hats and bright orange sashes were not bogcymen to be feared, but a harmlessly eccentric diversion.

Nor did subsequent encounters with the blunt edge of loyalist extremism do anything to change that benign perception of the Orange Order, Even after my family and I were forced out of our home by loyalist bullies; even after we moved to a part of the city where Orange marches simply did not pass; even after a bomb was thrown through our front window by loyalist paramilitaries — still the television was tuned in to live coverage of the Twelfth of July parades, as it was in Catholic homes throughout the North. Nobody forced narionalists to participate in this way in the day's proceedings; they chose to do su, perhaps recognising that what they saw on that day was, for good or ill, a part of what Ulster — and Ireland as a whole — is about.

Nationalist identity has never been more officially respected than now, so it seems perverse that internecine squabbles over the Twelfth are growing more bloodily divisive. Why is it that nationalists now object so strongly to expressions of Protestant identity which, in harder times, they largely toleraled?

The truth is that the change in the nationalist perception of the Orange ly to thos week's unseemly and potentially explosive stand-off, has been engineered by the IRA/Sinn Fein as part of their strategy of driving Ulster Protestants into a corner. The loyalist street violence which has flared across Northern Ireland in reaction to that stand-off is a dream come true for a republican leadership which had seen itself isolated and discredited as IRA bombs broke the ceasefire.

pepublicans have now embarked on a crusade to supharked on a crusage to sup-press all the symbols of a Protestant state whose days, they believe, are numbered. That the Orange Order is only asking the nationalist residents of the Garvaghy Road for 15 minutes of tolerance every year cuts little ice.

The IS-month period of the IRA ceasefire saw a succession of just such disorderly crusades against Orange Order marches, all of which have been deliberately, cynically promoted by republicans, as a means of

confinuing a sectarian "war".

Catholic residents associations have been infiltrated by known republicans. Groups which were previously legitimate vehicles of peaceful, democraric protest have been imnsformed into unofficial baitalions of the republican struggle. Those who are not even residents of an area where Protestants march have been invited in to take part in

planned disturbances. Last month a nationalist riol followed the RUC's decision to allow a Royal Black Perceptory march down a certain street in north Belfast. I live far from this area, yet my street was leafleled by IRA/Sinn Fein activists, urging me to come and join the fun. Those who tried to oppose this radical shift have been infimidaled, driven out or replaced. The sort of reasonable compromise seen last year on the Garvaghy Road, when a small, silent group of Orangemen was allowed to pass by, is supported by many residents, but they have been shouted down by those with no interest in reaching inter-tribal agreement.

In their protests about Orange marches, the republicans have found way to reactivate sectarian conflict in Ulster without being seen as the sole instigators.

The murder of a Catholic taxi driver in Armagh on Monday, the nightly eviction of Catholic families in Belfast and the chilling scenes of potentially uncontainable street view lence all soggest that loyalists have ignored the repeated warnings that they were sleepwalking into a trap, and have blondered into it anyway. The outlior writes o column for the Dublin Sunday Independent

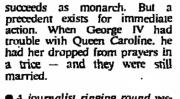
Pray tell

BUCKINGHAM PALACE is con- succeeds as monarch. But a sidering dropping the Princess of Wales from the Anglican Prayer Book because of the royal divorce. Church of England sources claim that the prayer for the Royal Family, which was amended to include the Princess after she married the Prince of Wates in 1981, will be changed again if she loses the ritle "Her Royal Highness".

At present congregations pray for "Elizabeth our Queen. Philip Duke of Edinburgh. Elizabeth the Queen Mother and the Prince and Princess of Wales." The Venerable George Austin, Archdeacon of York, believes an amendment is inevitable. "I think the Princess of Wales would have to come out," he says. "Only the mnnarch can change the prayer. In the end, the Queen will have to decide."

The Palace says the issue cannot be resolved ontil the role and status of the Princess of Wales is determined: "It depends what the Princess of Wales is to call herself. The issues are still speculative at this stage."

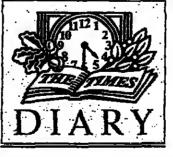
There are suggestions that the Princess might not be dropped from the prayer until the Prince



 A journalist ringing round yes-terday to discover which honorary degrees various universities had



"Which way did you vote on pay. Tompkins?"



given Nelson Mandela stumbled upon Glasgow University, wherehe was met with a long pause. Then the Registrar said: "We have given an honorory degree to a Mandela. But that was Winnie Mandela. And we prefer not to think obout that now."

Spare us

MONEY worries seem to be plaguing Marina Mowatt, daughter of Princess Alexandra and Sir Angos Ogilvy, and her husband Paul Mowatt. According to an investigation by Here! magazine, the couple owc £801 for electricity, £2,583 for gas and £1,783 in council tax. In addition they are said to be in arrears on a modest £14,000 morigage at the Bank of Ireland. Despite pretensions to photogra-phy and modelling, the couple

seem to be short of real work. Mrs Mowatt's parents, we must assume, will bail the couple out before they have to sell their grisly, unexporgated story.

Small band

SUPPORT for the Orangemen in Portadown comes from young Tories at Oxford University. They have formed the Londonderry Club in celebration of the Union, and in despair at the stance of Conservative high command in London. "We're furious that the IRA nationalist argument is never opposed properly," whines Paul Ingham, the far-right PPE student at left-wing Wadham who founded

the club. Central Office has taken a dim view of the organisation, and is apparently trying to nip it in the bud. For fear of jeopardising their foture careers, cowardly young Conservatives are already cutting their links: "Don't know anything about it." blubbers one. Yes, I am treasorer but no. I'm really nothing to do with it," stammers another.

Organ donor

ALEKSANDRA MARUCHA, 23. second-year Polish organist at

the Royal Academy of Music, is a sorprise addition to the celebrarions for Sir Edward Heath's 80th birthday. She is the recipient of the £2,500 Sir Edward Heath Award for Organ, donated to the birthday boy by his old chum Jack Lyons. Ted is particularly delighted, as he was organist at Balliol when he was at Oxfurd. However, Miss

Marucha is not expected to jomp

out of his birthday cake.

• A triumphont week for birth-days. Sir Edward Heath reached 80 on Tuesday: Dome Borbara Cartland celebrated her 95th with a sugary pink cake. And on Sunday the indefatigable Betty Kenward, former social editor of Tatler and the original "Jennifer", will let her hair down for her 90th.

"It will be church in the morning

before a family dinner party," she

Little voter

iells me.

A RADIANT and pregnant Jemima Goldsmith was the star turn at the opening in west London of Ford & Tomkins, an interior design shop co-founded by her friend Vicky Tonipkins, heir to the Green Shield Stamps fortone.

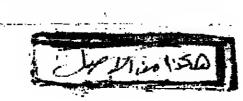
Jemima was talking political campaigns: not about her husband in Pakistan, but about her father.



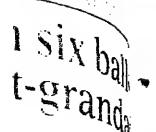
campaigning trail

Sir James Goldsmith, in Putney, where he plans to stand as Referendum candidate against David Mellor. She is hoping fur a spring election - so that she can take her child our campaigning. "I'm definitely going to take to

the campaign trail because I love my Daddy." she said. I can strao the baby on, and then off we go!"









VOTE OF CONFIDENCE

Foreign investment puts Britain in the fast lane

The largest single foreign investment ever made in Europe has been secured by Newport, with the determined support of the Welsh Development Agency, directly generating 6,100 new jobs and capping a record year for inward investment. This confirms Britain's place in Europe as the location of choice for international business. The £1.7 billion electronics complex planned by LG. the South Korean conglomerate, is particularly gratifying because it is not only largescale, but constitutes precisely the kind of high-technology investment in tomorrow's growth industries that Britain needs.

The Government can fairly claim this as a vote of confidence. It should be a matter of pride that Britain has secured 40 per cent of total inward investment in the European Union. But this particular deal is not quite the unadulterated triumph for Britain's flexible, deregulated labour marketplace that ministers are naturally at pains to emphasise. The price of the attached sweeteners, at around £30,000 a job. comes close to breaching Treasury guidelines to development authorities. Such deals, however beneficial, ought also to be controversial; the guidelines are a necessary discipline against market distortion.

The Labour Party dares not openly disapprove but hints that its priority would be "backing Britain" by shifting the emphasis of public subsidy to support for local enterprises. However well-intentioned, and however far removed from the bad old ways of George Brown's selective corporation tax, such plans miss the central point. Foreign investment should be welcome not just for the jobs it brings today, but because it is key to Britain's future competitiveness.

These investors do not just create jobs -114,000 of them in the past three years, plus a further 285,000 jobs safeguarded. They introduce new management ideas, often with striking success; they raise Britain's overall productivity. Often, these investments are on new sites with the most modern technology, but even that does not wholly explain their success. Nor, although

skills certainly matter, does it depend on the quality of manpower available in the region of choice. Northeast England, which had the highest concentration of inward investment last year, boasts Britain's highest manufacturing productivity yet ranks low in terms of the proportion of 16 to 19-year-olds in education or training. The evidence worldwide is that companies with international direct investment portfolios tend to be exceptionally high performers.

The record figures on inward investment over the past year, announced this week. suggest strongly that once it reaches a critical mass, inward investment is selfperpetuating, and that Britain has reached that point. Of the 477 new deals announced last year, 60 per cent were by companies that are already established in this country. Since a third of them are European - 1,500 German companies now operate here - they are evidently not drawn by Britain simply as an entry-point into the single market. Their presence has helped to narrow the gap between the richest and poorest parts of Britain, now smaller than for 20 years, and to reduce unemployment blackspots.

Language counts. So do low non-wage costs and the lowest level of industrial disruption since records began - a point that belies the concern of the Institute of Personnel and Development yesterday that insecurity in the workforce poses a threat to our competitive performance". Above all, the days are gone when it was heresy to link wages to performance and foreign companies had to end restrictive practices before they could begin.

John Major aims to make Britain the "enterprise centre of Europe". But Europe today is in the slow lane; the EU is the world's slowest-growing region and likely to remain that way. Britain should aim higher. All surveys of global competitiveness list open markets as a key factor. Britain, as the world's second largest investor overseas, has adjusted to globally-based manufacturing better than its EU neighbours. That is why investors come; that is why they will stay.

BUSINESS IN FRANCE

When corporations must be run from a prison cell

Even before he ended 14 years as President of France, François Mitterrand's last years were clouded by embarrassing wartime revelations and corrupt business associates. Although the tirelessly conspiratorial M Mitterrand had for years succeeded in suppressing much of his personal history, the truth seeped out in the end. The scale of corruption in the biggest French boardrooms is emerging only after his death.

A quarter of the bosses of France's top 40 companies are under investigation for fraud or corruption. That suggests not merely greedy and illegal behaviour by a few rotten apples. A rotten boardroom culture seems to have pervaded the giant French firms which dominate the transport, telecommunications, banking and construction industries. Some of these firms are private, some stateowned, some a mixture; all are in some sense under the influence of the State. If France wishes to convince foreign investors that its culture can be honest and open, the truth must be forced into the open.

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The key is a strong and independent magistracy. Only the stubborn work of a few investigating magistrates has ensured that once-powerful men are heading, albeit slowly, for jail. Over the past three years, 30 people at the top of big French companies have been snared in criminal inquiries; only two cases have been completed and one man convicted. Bitter Parisian voices may denounce the magistrates for bias: but the delays which hamper the excavation of the truth are more serious problems than the alleged defects of magistrates.

No industrial society is wholly free of corruption. Less tainted public cultures combine fast and thorough investigation, exemplary punishment and evident public disapproval. All members of the society can

see that the powerful will be held to account. France's elite still acts as if either public opinion is irrelevant or that cupidity will be easily forgiven. France's leading newscaster was convicted of accepting gifts from a businessman and promptly returned to reading the news as if nothing had happened. Such indulgence is hard to imagine being extended to any equally prominent television figurehead in this country. France's railway system, including the high-speed trains which draw envious sighs from British holidaymakers, is currently being managed from the prison cell where its chief executive now resides.

France's postwar economy was built amid a shortage of capital: the State stepped in to fill the gap. The State's servants stepped in as managers. For the most part they belong to the close-knit and highly trained administrative elite produced by the grandes écoles. They moved too easily between desks in ministers' outer offices and jobs running huge companies. Intoxicated by the pace of modernisation and privatisation in the 1980s, some cut corners, built swimming pools and pumped illicit money into political parties on the quiet.

The most powerful argument that the current President and Prime Minister should deploy against this infection is that such wrongdoing damages the country's international economic reputation. Venal and offhand plundering of public money also breeds a dangerous mistrust among voters. President Chirac cannot have forgotten that in the first round of the election which he won last year, 40 per cent of the votes cast went to fringe candidates campaigning against the governing class. The checks on French corruption must be sustained for the sake of France.

DEGREES OF COMMISSION

Mandela's massive haul reflects wider academic trend

As part of the many justified tributes that Nelson Mandela has received during his state visit to Britain, the South African leader saw the face of modern British higher education yesterday. No fewer than eight of our universities - Oxford, Cambridge, Bristol. De Montfort, Glasgow Caledonian, London, Nottingham, and Warwick - all queued up to award honorary degrees at a whirlwind Buckingham Palace ceremony. This affair had been preceded by some brutal competition among a wider field as to who would bestow the accolades.

The honorary degree has taken on new prominence in recent times. Until the 20th century the act of studying and the practice of receiving a degree were rather separate issues. This may still seem a familiar story to many working in British education today. The gilded youth of the aristocracy who went to universities in the Victorian era rarely lowered themselves to public examination. Most of those who received degrees then did so on an honorary basis, being well above the tedium of following a syllabus. In some cases there was little choice. Oxford admitted women as students some four decades before it permitted them to sit for certificates. Even today the two ancient universities award MAs on the basis of a small cheque.

When from the 1920s it became expected that courses were completed and examinations taken seriously, the honorary article appeared something of an anachronism. This had not been helped by the extraordinary decision of Oxford, long the pioneers of this particular art-form, to award one to the Kaiser some five years before the outbreak of the Great War. For 30 years the prize had little role in public life. Its standing was revived in the 1960s when the ceremonies awarding trinkets to various establishment worthies became a useful excuse for student protests. Infamy was reached by Oxford's churlish refusal to offer one to Margaret Thatcher in 1985.

In recent times, however, the whole affair has become big business — a means by which universities can attract both patronage from potential financial contributors and publicity from various celebrities. Who's Who now groans under the strain of

this shameless generosity. Nelson Mandela is in a league of his own - not only worthy and famous but meritorious as well. No wonder gowns were drawn at dawn over the pecking order. In an odd way this is the highest compliment he could have been paid. Who else would bring both Oxford and Cambridge to London?

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Unionists' part in Orange disorder

From Mr Brendan Turley

Sir. After his election as leader of the Ulster Unionist Party last year, David Trimble encouraged many by his ap-parent readiness to move the UUP away from its formal link with the Orange Order.

His presence at Drumeree, how-ever, amidst disgraceful scenes of in-timidation and violence across the province, demonstrates clearly that those links are as strong as ever. It also demonstrates his lack of political judgment, for it will merely confirm to a wider audience that, for all his fine rbetoric, David Trimble's actions are those of an old-style Unionist for which the world at large has little sympathy.

Yours faithfully. BRENDAN TURLEY. 12a Elizabeth Mews. Belsize Park, NW3. July 9.

From Mr Mortin Griffith

Sir. After months in which worldwide support for the IRA has dropped dramatically, Unionist/Orangemen leaders have now presented the world's media with pictures of their and their supporters' sectarian violence and utterly unreasonable intransigence. No doubt many frish-Americans are already reaching for their cheque books to give a new infusion of cash to the IRA as a direct consequence of the Drumcree standoff. I despair.

Yours faithfully, M. L. GRIFFITH, 1 Harcourt Buildings, Temple, EC4. July 10.

From Mr J. P. Knight

Sir, If it is true that a satisfactory settlement in Ulster largely depends upon the support of the rest of the United Kingdom, have not the andes of the Orangemen in the last few days done more to alienate that support than 20 years of IRA killings? Would it be harsh to characterise

their behaviour as crass? Yours faithfully, PETER KNIGHT,

Greenbank, West Burton, Leyburn, North Yorkshire.

From the Reverend William E. K. Allonder

Sir. Orange Order marchers fight their own police in their demand to "Rights" rather than the feelings of neighbours govern conduct, with the apparent full support of Unionist leaders Trimble and Paisley.

The conflict at the Drumcree Road illustrates only too clearly what lies at the root of the Northern Ireland con-

Yours faithfully, W. E. K. ALLANDER. 12 Richmond Park. Blackrock Road, Cork. July 9.

Slight to St George

From the Reverend Charles Praeger, SI

Sir, Has St George been slighted as Professor Colman suggests (letter, July 6)? The celebration of his day is optional worldwide but not in England, where it ranks as a Feast, second highest of the four grades of celebradon (Optional Memorial, Obligations Memorial, Feast, Solemnity). Sixty years ago it was, worldwide, fifth

highest of six.

Many saints days are now optional because the saint celebrated is not considered of worldwide importance (in fact July 6 saw one such, the Italian St Maria Goretti, who died in 1902 while resisting rape). Locally they may rank far higher.
It seems a fair solution to the

problem of a crowded calendar. Yours faithfully,

CHARLES PRAEGER SJ. St Wilfrid's Presbytery, 1 Winckley Square, Preston, Lancashire. July 9.

Turin Shroud

From Conon James Cunnane

Sir. You report today that the Turin scientists have presented "new evidence" which suggests that a coin of Pontius Pilate from AD29 can be discerned above the left eye of the Holy Shroud, thus validating the shroud. I have a set of 96 slides, together

with a tape and booklet, making that very case in rich detail. They are by the late Father Francis L. Filas, SJ, of Loyola University, Chicago. The second and revised edition is dated 1982. It has always seemed to me that Father Filas's cogent research has been cruelly ignored. Now someone else claims the credit. As to the C14 carbon dating made in 1988, existing doubts as to its accuracy have been fortified by recent Russian research.

"New evidence" indeed! Yours faithfully, JAMES CUNNANE, Catholic Church of Our Lady of the Taper. Cardigan, Dyfed. July 8.

> Business letters, page 27 Sport letters, page 40 July 8.

BA's American link-up taken to task

From the Chairman of the Virgin Group of Companies

Sir, Far from lacking balance, as the Chief Executive of Bridsh Airways, Robert Ayling, suggests (letter, July 10), your leader of July 9 about the proposed merger between BA and American Airlines aptly summed up the and-competitive nature of this would-be giant.

For all Mr Ayling's bluster, the facts speak for themselves. BA and Amerian together would dominate the marker. To all intents and purposes they would have a monopoly of routes ber-ween the UK and US. Despite the press and lobbying campaigns now belatedly being launched by BA (this lateness being a sign of BA's arro-gance in thinking that the merger would be nodded through by competition authorities), no one will be fooled into believing that monopolies bring down prices and improve services.

Mr Ayling makes much of competition for the BA/American monopoly coming from continental Europe. What nonsense, Less than I per cent of London passengers currently travelling to the US do so via continental Europe. What traveller wants to add three or four hours to his journey rime? BA knows that it will be as secure in the future at its Heathrow fortress as it has been in the past - indeed, more so since the merger will remove one of its principal Heathrow

Mr Ayling also argues that it is still

From the Ambassador of Kuwait

Sir, I must take issue with certain of your allegations about Kuwaiti businessman, Robert Hussein (re-ports, July 6, 8: leading article, July 6).

sued him for divorce. They were married under Islamic law and this divorce was granted on the grounds that there were irreconcilable differences between them because of Mr

citizens if they change religion. As you reported, the Kuwait Constitution guarantees freedom of belief. Article 29 says: "All people are equal in human dignity, and in public rights and duties before the law, without distinction as to race, origin, language

Kuwait's Christian and Muslim communities live in harmony and, as Article 35 of the Constitution states: "Freedom of belief is absolute. The state protects every individual's right to practise their beliefs." The lack of

possible to get slots at Heathrow. True, in the middle of the night when no one wants to travel. I can absolutely guarantee that Virgin Atlantic would be operating many more routes out of Heathrow today if we had been able to obtain the necessary slots.

If Mr Ayling believes what he says, let him take up this challenge. Virgin Atlanoc will apply for Heathrow slots to operate any current BA route to the US, chosen by BA, at a viable time. If we fail to get them, Mr Ayling should hand over BA slots to allow us to start the service. If he is right that slots are available, what is the risk?

Mr Ayling is, however, correct about one thing. Britain is a world leader in air transport. It has been successful because of the activities of airlines such as Virgin Atlantic and Briosh Midland, which have forced BA to become more efficient and improve its service.

I would not for one moment deny that BA is now a good and highly profitable airline, which is one of the reasons why I do not believe it needs to merge with American to cononue being a world-class carrier. But what Mr Ayling is offering is a return to the bad old days of airline cartels when BA really was Bloody Awful.

Yours sincerely, RICHARD BRANSON, Chairman, Virgin Group of Companies, 120 Campden Hill Road, W8.

Christians in Kuwait

In June, Mr Hussein was declared an apostate, a term used to describe someone who has converted from Islam to Christianity. This declaration was made because Mr Hussein's wife

Hussein's conversion. Kuwaiti law does not punish its

religious discrimination in Kuwait is borne out by the fact that churches have existed there for many decades.

Mr Hussein's claims that he is being persecuted because of his new religious status are simply not true. He has not been stripped of any rights as a citizen, his passport has not been invalidated, nor is he the subject of a travel ban.

Yours faithfully, KHALEO Al-DUWAISAN, Embassy of the State of Kuwait. 30 Old Burlington Street, W1. July 10.

From Mr Gonesh Lall

Sir, For a country which owes its very survival to the sacrifice of Christian lives, Kuwait's persecution of Christ-

ians is nothing short of ingratitude.

The feeling of outrage is magnified by the fact that Christians enjoy full freedom of worship in Iraq. which genuinely upholds both the letter and spirit of the Holy Prophet's message that in matters of religion there should be no compulsion.

tinction. In view of the recent National

Anti-Fishing Week, it would be inter-

esting to know the official views of the

I am, yours respectfully. GANESH LALL. The Common Room, Middle Temple, EC4.

RSPCA on this.

Yours sincerely,

ALASOAIR MITCHELL

50 Northumberland Avenue.

From Mrs Morgaret Hatton

Gosforth, Newcastle upon Tyne.

Sir, "I wonder how many of those who

donate to the RSPCA would continue

to do so if they were aware that among

this year's candidates for the council

most ore vegan or vegetarian, one is opposed to all ownership of animals

and another actively seeks a ban on

oll medical testing involving ani-mals" (letter from Lord Mancroft of

I thank Lord Mancroft for this in-

formation. As one who has in the past

made the odd donation to the RSPCA.

I shall now hasten to join up as a

member as quickly as possible.

MARGARET HATTON.

Dyffryn, Graianrhyd Road.

Animal welfare

From Mr John Bryant

Sir. Lord Mancroft (letter, July 1) seeks to discredit the International Fund for Animal Welfare (letter, July 8) and the League Against Cruel Sports by labelling them as "hardline animal rights groups". Hardline? Both groups campaign legally within the democratic system and both publidy condemn the use of crime, violence and intimidadon in the name of animal rights. Neither group even promotes veganism or vegetarianism.

Yours faithfully, JOHN BRYANT (Wildlife officer), League Against Cruel Sports, Sparling House, 83-87 Union Street, SEL July 8.

From Mr Alasdoir Mitchell

Sir, Libby Purves' splendid diatribe against the animal rights trendies who have captured the RSPCA council ("The cruelty of kindness", July 2) articulated what many of us feel.

Yet I wonder why she halted the definidon of "blood sports" short of fishing. The extremists make no such dis-

Sir. The Canon Treasurer of St Paul's

Cathedral suggests (letter, July 6) that the appalling British casualdes at the

Somme were not in vain because, ac-

cording to the German General Lu-

dendorff, "the Somme was the muddy grave of the German field army". This appears to mean that terrible slaugh-

ter on one side was not utterly point-

less because it achieved terrible

On the day when the moral debate made the headlines, what kind of

College Road, Carmarthen, Dyfed.

Sir, In the recent Russian election the

ballot papers had a box marked "against all candidates".

Could we please have this on our

slaughter on the other.

RAYMOND GARLICK,

Missing option

ballot papers in the future?

8 Brighton Mews, Pembroke.

morality is this?

Yours faithfully,

July 6.

26 Glannant Flats,

From Mr R. Goler

Yours faithfully.

R. GALER.

Somme sacrifice

From Mr Raymond Garlick

Mold, Denbighshire.

Yours sincerely,

Llanarmon-yn-lal,

the BFSS).

Living expenses From Dr D. C. Ferris

> Sir. Am I right in supposing that the logical conclusion of a recent trend in litigation is that we should all take action against our parents to recover the expenses involved in life, on the grounds that they caused us to incur them without obtaining our prior consent?

Yours faithfully. D. C. FERRIS, 62 Argyll Road, Exeter, Devon. July 8.

As you were ... From Mr J. K. Morland

Sir. Now that Nelson Mandela has become a pillar of the establishment, can we expect all the trendy left-wing councils to rename the streets named after him?

Yours faithfully, J. K. MORLAND. New House, Capel Leyse, Moorhurst Lane, South Holmwood, Dorking, Surrey.

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Defence of Carey's morality crusade

From Dr Andrew Purkis, the Archbishop of Conterbury's Secretary of Public Affairs

Sir, I was pleased to see the correspondence (July 8) supporting the Arch-bishop of Canterbury from Simon Jenkins's derogatory attack ("No more feel-smug factor", July 6). The Archbishop had initiated Friday's Lords debate about the moral and spiritual dimension of education; Mr Jenkins contends that Dr Carey's words on these matters have no links

to action. This is demonstrably false. Church schools are among those that are busy trying to translate the ideas in the Archbishop's speech into practice day by day, which may ex-plain why they are so conspicuously popular among parents. There are abundant links between the Archbishop's words in his speech in the Lords and the real world of policy.

teaching and support of teachers. Simon Jenkins fails to engage with Dr Carey's argument that there are important shared values which are not just maners of individual opinion and which, for example, come to the surface in the aftermath of the tragedies like the Dunblane massacre. The Archbishop did not claim exclusive authority for the Church in these matters. On the contrary, he emphasised that the whole of society, including people of other faiths and those who profess no religion, needs to be involved in defining and "owning up" to these shared values and supporting schools in transmitting them. To say that all the Archbishop "really" has to propose is "go to church" is a preposterous misrepresentation.

Mr Jenkins seems to think he is refuting the Archbishop's arguments by pointing out the reality of moral di-lemmas; but the Archbishop himself said in his speech:

We all know that the toughest moral decisions are not always between right and wrong, but between two "rights" which pull in different directions. So we desperately need our young people to learn both the basic rules and the judgment with which to confront the constant dilemmas of life.

Simon Jenkins finishes with another grotesque caricature: "Since the dawn of time, the old have decried the young as degenerate and summoned a crusade to lift them from moral squalor ... " Could he actually have read the Archbishop's speech? The Archbishop said:

I hope we can avoid . . . a temptation to drift into a "golden age" mood in which we assume that in the past our people were better, more moral and more decent people than we are now. This is at best an unhelpexample, underestimate the strong moral concern of many young people today as manifested in their concern over many forms of human suffering or over the envir-

Perhaps such an example of modern journalism would be a good subject of discussions in school classes about morality and society.

Yours faithfully, ANOREW PURKIS. Lambeth Palace, SEI. July S.

Handsome is . . .

From Mr A. H. P. Humphrey

Sir. The answer to Mr Tim Oaw's question (letter, July 8) is, surely, that ugliness should be measured in negative milliHelens (ie, minus one milli-Helen sinks one ship) and not in a different unit altogether as proposed by Mr Peter Rashbrook (letter, July 9).

Yours faithfully, A. H. P. HUMPHREY, 14 Ambrose Place, Worthing, West Sussex.

From Mr Brion A. Mullan

Sir, Mr Rashbrook suggests milligrims as a measure of ugliness. May I suggest that the measurement should be in milliducklings. With only one milliduckling, the chances of becoming a beautiful swan are really quite good.

Yours faithfully, B. A. MULLAN, 153 Manthorpe Road, Grantham, Lincolnshire.

From Mr Rupert Jones

Sir, Perhaps the definition of a milligrim as being the ugliness necessary to sink one ship may be a little ex-treme. Would it not be better applied to that sufficient to curdle one pint of fresh milk?

Yours faithfully. RUPERT JONES, Plas Trecastell, Beaumaris, Anglesey.

From Mr William Herrington

Sir, Surely, rather than Mr Rashbrook's milligrims, it is more appropriate that ugliness be measured by the gross.

Yours faithfully.
WILLIAM HERRINGTON, 78 Madrid Road, SW13.

From Mr Clive Anthony Shaw

Sir. The measure of ugliness is the Quasimodo, it being the unit which will make one Esmeralda swoon.

Yours truly. CLIVE ANTHONY SHAW, 9 Nursery Close, Hailsham, East Sussex. July 8.



COURT CIRCULAR

British Linen Bank to mark their Two Hundred and Fiftieth Anniversary.

Hundred and Fittieth Anniversary.

CLARENCE HOUSE
July 10: Queen Elizabeth The Queen
Mother today visited the Royal Naval
College Greenwich and was entertained at luncheon by Flag Officer
Training (Rear Admiral J.H.S.
McAnally).

The Hon Mrs Rhodes and Sir
Alastair Aird were in attendance.

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ST JAMES'S PALACE
July 10: The Prince of Wales, Chancellor, this morning presided at a
Degree Ceremony at the University
of Wales, Bangor, and was received
by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of
Gwynedd (Mr Meuric Rees).
His Royal Highness this afternoon
visited Conwy Marina, Gwynedd, for
a lunchtime naming ceremony for the
North Western and North Wales Sea
Fisheries Committee's new fishery

Fisheries Committee's new fishery

The Prince of Wates later visited the Effecth Annual International Musi-cal Elsteddfod at Llangollen, Clwyd, where His Royal Highness was President of the day. The Prince of Wales this evening gave a Dinner for Investoorp at St James's Palace.

James's Palace.
July 10: The Princess Margaret,
Countess of Snowdon left Heathrow
Airport, London, this afternoon to

Her Royal Highness will under-ake engagements in Toronto. Mrs Charles Vyvyan and Major

The Lord Napier and Ettrick are in

July 10: The Duke of Gloucester, President Camer Research Cam-paign, today attended the National Supporters' Meeting at Kensington

Supporters' Meeting at Kensington Town Hall, London W8.

YORK HOUSE July 10: The Duke of Kent, President

the Imperial Wor Museum, together with HRH General Prince Khaled bin Sultan bin Abdulaziz Al Saud,

this morning visited the American Air Museum in Great Britain, Royal Air Force Duxford, Cambridgeshire,

and was mer on arrival by Her Majesty's Lord-Lleutenant of

Cambridgeshire |Mr James

Cniwdenl.

His Royal Highness, President, the Cavalry and Guards Club, this afternoon received Cohonel Tom Hall,

on retirement as Chairman, and his

on retrement as Charman, and his successor Mr John Rodwell.

The Duchess of Keni this morning received an Honorary Fellowship of the Royal College of Psychiatrists, the Queen Elizabeth II Conference

Centre, Broad Sanctuary, London

July 10: Princess Alexandra, Chan-cellor, this afternoon presided at Congregations for the conferment of

Degrees and Honorary Degrees at Lancaster University.

Royal engagements

Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother

will take the salute at the Royal Tournament at Earls Court at 1.45.

The Prince of Wales, as Duke of

of the In Pursuit of Excellence initiative to promote business achievements and potential in Corn-

Prince Edward will attend the Commonwealth Foundation's recep-tion at Marthorough House, at 6.30.

The Princess Royal, as Patron of the British Universities Sports Association, will attend the summer conference and presentation luncheon at Aberdoen University at noon.

The Duke and Duchess of Gloucester

will attend The Two Nations Cele-brate concert at the Albert Hall at 7.15. Princess Alexandra will also attend. Princess Alexandra, as Presi-

dent of the Royal Humane Society, will present the 1995 Stanhope gold medal at St James's Palace at 4.30.

wall, at St James's Palace at 5.15.

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE

atrol vessel. The Prince of Wales later visited the

ST JAMES'S PALACE

BUCKINGHAM PALACE July 10: The President of the Republic of South Africa this morning planted a tree in \$1 James's Park and was received by the Chairman. The Prince of Wales's Royal Parks Tree Appeal (Mr Neville Laboviach) and the Lord Mayor of Westmington (Councillor) Mayor of Westminster (Councillor Robert Davis).

His Excellency Chief Erncka

Anyaoku (Commonwealth Secretary-General) later called upon The

President,
The Rt Hon Anthony Blair MP (Leader of the Opposition) afterwards called upon The President of the Republic of South Africa.
The President, accompanied by Princess Zenani Mandela-Diamini, later addressed the Confederation of British Industry/Committee on South Africa Trade/Royal Institute of International Affairs Conference on Investment in South Africa at the Barbican Arts and Conference Barbican Arts and Conference Centre, London EC2, and was re-ceived by the President, Confedera-tion of British Industry |Sir Colin

The President of the Republic of South Africa visited No 10 Downing Street and had talks with the Prime Minister and afterwards, with Prin-cess Zenani Mandela-Dlamini, was entertained to Luncheon by the Prime Minister on behall of Her Majesty's

afternoon, at Buckingham This afternoon, at Buckingham Palace. The President received Honorary Degrees from the Universities of Oxford, Cambridge, London, Bristol, Nottingham, Warwick, De Montford and Glasgow Caledonian. The Duke of Edinburgh, Chancellor, University of Cambridge, was appreciated.

The President of the Republic of South Africa, accompanied by Princess Zenani Mandele-Dlamini, this cess Zenani Mandela-Dlamini. this evening attended a Court of Common Council at Guildhall, was received by the Rt Hon the Lord Mayor and was presented with the Honorary Freedom of the City of London.

Afterwards The President, with Her Royal Highness, attended a Banquet at Mansion House given by the Rt Hou the Lord Mayor.

the Ri Hoo the Lord Mayor.
The Duke and Duchess of Glouces-

The Queen arrived at Portsmouth Harbour Station this mmorning and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Licutenant of Hampshire (Mrs Mary Fagan) and the Lord Mayor of Portsmouth (Councillor Mark Hancock). Her Majesty, Duke of Lancaster, this morning visited HMS Lancaster (Commander Nicholas Harland).

(Commander Nicholas Harland),
The Queen toured the ship, escorted by the Commanding Officer,
and afterwards honoured him with
her presence at Luncheon.
The Duke of Edinburgh, Senior
Fellow, this morning chaired the
Annual General Meeting of the Royal
Academy of Engineering at L. Greet

Arnual General Meeting of the koyal Academy of Engineering at I Great George Street, London SWI. His Royal Highness, Member, this evening attended the Royal Navy Club of 1765 and 1785 (United 1889) Dinner in the Great Hall, Lincoln's lon Lyndon WC2

July 10: The Duke of York, Colonel-in-Chiel, The Royal Irish Regiment, this afternoon received Licutenant-Colo-nel Philip Baxter upon relinquishing his appointment as Commanding Officer 1st Battalion.

His Royal Highness, Colonel-in-Chlef, The Royal Irish Regiment, afterwards received Licutenant-Colo-nel Wayne Harber, upon relinguish-

arterwards received Elementaric Colored Wayne Harber upon relinquishing his appointment as Commanding Officer 4th Battation and Licutemant-Colonel Kleran McCann upon

assuming the appointment.

The Duke of York later presented the Methuen Challenge Cup and Badges at the Inter-Service Team Shooting Match at Bisky, Surrey.

His Royal Highness, Patron, this evening attended the Lucifer Golfing Society Commonwealth Dinner at the Savoy Hotel, London WC2.

July 10: The Princess Royal this morning opened Rachel House Chil-dren's Hospice, Kinross, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Licutenant of Perth and Kinross (Sir David Montgomery, Bd.
Her Royal Highness later visited
Edinburgh Zoo, Murrayfield, and
was received by Her Majesty's LordLieutenant of the City of Edinburgh

(Mr Eric Milligan, the Rt Hon the The Princess Royal this afternoon

Hampton Court Palace Flower Show

Father and son design a winner

By ALAN TOOGOOD, HORTICULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

THE Tudor Rose Award for the best garden at the Hampton Court Palace opened the section of walkway along the Water of Leith between Balerno Flower Show has been won by Sainsbury's Homebase. Entitled the Good Ideas Garden and

the Water of Letti between Balerno and Leith at Rocheid Bridge. Cannonmills. Edinburgh. Her Royal Highness afterwards opened Leith Campus at Queen Margaret College. Duke Street, Edinburgh. The Princess Royal President. The designed by father and son design team Robin Williams and Robin Templar Williams, it shows how to make the most of a shallow but wide garden typical of many houses today. Princess Royal Trust for Carers, this evening attended a Dinner at the Palace of Holyroodhouse given by the Separated into three areas to make the

plot appear larger, the colour scheme also creates a sense of distance, with warm colours in the foreground and paler colours at the end of the garden. The designers have chosen to create a restful atmosphere by limiting the range of colours to soft yellow, pale blue, mauve, silver and cream.

The George Cooke Memorial Award for the most original and innovative show garden has been given to the town waterfront garden in the Daily Mail pavilion. Designed by Cleve West and Johnny Woodford, this contemporary

Peter de Savary, company

chairman and yachtsman,

is 52 today

Air Chief Marshal Sir Michael

Alcock, 60; Mr Giorgio Armani, fashion designer, 62; Mr Nadeem Aslam, novelist, 29; Lord Bolton,

67; the Right Rev Richard Char-

tres, Bishop of London, 49; Mr Graham Clark, Governor, Wands-worth prison. 59; Mr Robert

Compton, former chairman, Time

Life International, 74; Professor Ian Craft, obstetrician and gynaecologist, 59; the Hon Greville Janner, QC. MP, 68; Mr

Toby Jessel, MP, 62; Miss Julia Trevelyan Oman, designer. 66; Mr Terry Patchett. MP, 56; Lord Penrhyn, 88; Mr Hermann Prey, baritone, 67; Mr Dean Richards.

rugby player, 33: Mr G.D. Slaughter, former Headmasler, Univer-

sity College School, 59; Dr Derek

Sievenson, former secretary, BMA, 85; Mr John Stride, actor. 60; Mr John Swift, QC, Rail

Regulator, 56: Mr Gough Whit-lam, QC, former Prime Minister of

MBA Examination

The following Greenwich College

students were conferred with the

degree of Master of Business

Administration at the Congrega-

tion for the Conferment of Degrees

of the University of Hull, July 4.

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Yucel Alinbasak, Mark Chamberlain, Michails Drepanopoulos, loannis Dellyannis, Stavros isaakdis, Borge Pytz Larsen, Sheng Hsien Lee, Chin Lun Leung, Su Ling Lo, Olmirlos Mitsios, Friday Coolez, Angom Lakar Dean, Letan Diabinio, David Diasupo Olorunniwo, George Panoussis, Virginia Safira Margaret Rosen bial, Haim Rozenbolm, Manisha Sharma (Distinction), Omar Mubammad Syed, Hock Tan Te, Martin Andreas Benno Wolfram, Mei-Yun Wu, Mohammed Zakari Yakubu, Husamenin Yalcin, Zhchul Yang.

Australia, 80.

Results

Birthdays today

garden features an unusual pergola formed from wood shaped like mammoths' tusks, and highly original wooden garden furniture. A wooden fountain mirrors the pergola. The plantings of waterside plants and bold architectural foilage plants create a cool restful

The Tudor Rose Award for the best water garden has been given to an exhibit entitled The House at Pooh Corner, from Countryside Wildflowers, of Somersham. Cambridgeshire. Designed by Paul Dyer and Associates, it is a colourful display of British wildflowers growing on the banks of a stream.

Rickard's Hardy Ferns, of Tenbury Wells, Hereford and Worcester, have won the Tudor Rose Award for the best exhibit in the floral marquee. It is a cool green collection of tree ferns and other hardy and tender kinds, including Hartstongue ferns wilh distinctive strapshaped leaves.

Memorial service

Mr Stephen Jones
A service of thanksgiving for the life
of Mr Stephen Jones, curator and art
historian, was held yesterday in
Southwark Cathedral. The Rev
Garry Swinton, Succentur, officiated
and Mr Frank Stanton, An Master at
St Dunstan's College, Catford, read
the lessen.

Mr Charles Hind read from the works of John Donne, Miss Adrienne Corrie read from the works of William Shakespeare, Mr Stephen Calloway read from the works of Walter Pater, Mrs Leonée Ormond

read Venice: an early impression by Henry James, the Hon Clive Gibson, Chairman of Spencer House, also

Chairman of Spencer House, also representing the J Rothschild Group, read an extract from Stephen Jones's review from Country Life, March 19, 1992 of the Bonnington Exhibition held in Paris. Mr Martin Amherst Lock read from the works of John Keats and Mr Richard Ormond, Chairman of the Friends of Leighton House, read from Cosmo Monkhouse's The Burial of Leighton and spoke on the Leighton House memorial project.

Mr Tim Toohey gave an address, During the sevice Mr Christoph Wittman, tenor, accompanied by Mr Alexander Schmalez, piano, sang lieder by Schubert, von Schober, Richard Strauss and others, Kit and the Widow performed a musical

Richard Strauss and others, Alt and the Widow performed a musical tribute. Among others present were Mr David Oosterman: Patricia Coun-tess Jeilicoe. Ibe Hon Crispin and Mrs Money-Courts, Lady Abdy, Sir Tation Sykes, Sir Peter and Lady Wakefield, Sir Gordon Jewkes and Miss Mary Kison (Walpole Committee), Mr Thomas

were the hosts at a luncheon held yesterday at 10 Downing Street In honour of Mr Nelson Mandela, the President of South Africa. The guests

were:
Princess Zenani Mandela-Olamini,
the High Commissioner for South
Africa and Or Mantobazana
Tshabalala Msimang, Mr and Mrs
Alec Erwin, Mr Aziz Pahad and Mrs
Black-Pahad, Ms Gill Marcus,
Professor Gert Gerwel, Mr, Joel
Netshitenzhe, Mr Malouin Rifkind,
QC, MP, and Mrs Rifkind, Mr Ian
Lang, MP, Mr Cilve Landa and
Baroness Chalker of Wallasey, the
High Commissioner for Borswana

Baroness Chulker of Wallasey, the High Commissioner for Borswans and Mrs Jones-Dub. the High Commissioner for Namibia and Mrs Nghiwete, the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of London, Lord Camoys, the Hon Oouglas Hurd. CH. MP. Sir Christopher and Lady Benson. Sir Sydney Lipworth. GC. and Lady Upworth Sir Jain and Lady Vallance, Dame Sue Tinson, Sir Rodney and Lady Walker, Mr Rupert Hambto. Mi and Mrs Kenneth Costa, the Yery Rev Michael and Mrs Mayne. Mi Peter Temple-Morris, Mr Rupert Hughes, MP, and Mrs Temple-Morris, Mr Robert Hughes, MP, and Mrs Hughes. Mr Sydney Kentridge, QC, and Mrs Kentridge, Mr and Mrs Donald Wonds, Mr and Mrs Paul Potts. Mr Trevor MeDonald. Ms Prue Keety, Mr and Mrs Devon Malcolm. Mr Robbin Simpson and Mrs Judy Simpson. Sir Anthony Reeve, Mrs Sosan Doult Lieuenant-Commander Toby Williamson. Mr John Ward, MP, and Mrs Ward. Mr and Mrs Norman Blackwell and Mr and Mrs Norman Blackwell and Mr and Mrs John Hostinte af the Motor Industry

Institute of the Motor Industry Prince Michael of Kent, President of

Luncheons

Prime Minister

The Tudor Rose Award for the most

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the Institute of the Motor Industry, presided at the annual president's function and garden party held yesterday at Fanshaws, Brickendon, Hertford.

Association Captain J.A.B. Thomas, Chairman of

the British Naval Equipment Associ-ation, members of the association and

representatives from the naval in-

dustry were the hosts at a luncheon held yesterday on board RS Hispani-

old for overseas defence naval advis-

ers and attaches stationed in London.

BIRTHS: Robert the Bruce, King of

Scotland 1306-29. Turnberry, Agra-Scotland 1306-29. Turnberry, Ayr-shire, 1274: Thomas Bowdler, self-appointed Shakespearean censor, Ashley, Batti, 1754: Yul Brynner, actor, Sakhalin Island, off Siberia.

OEATHS: Albert Chevalier, musichall entertainer, 1923; Allred Dreyfus, French army officer, the victim of

anti-Semitism, who was wrongly imprisoned on Devil's Island for espionage, Paris, 1935; George Gershwin, composer, Hollywood, 1937; Laurence Olivier, Baron Olivier, actor and first director of the National Theatre, Stewning, West Sussey, 1989.

Theatre, Steyning, West Sussex, 1989.

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covered near the ancient capital of

British Naval Equipment

Anniversaries

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The show, in the parkland of Hampton Court Palace, opens to the public today and closes on Sunday. Opening times are 10am to 7.30pm (5.30pm on Sunday). For further information telephone 0171 828 1744. Tickets are available at the gate, or call 0171 344 4444.

Institute The following candidates have com-

pleted the Associateship examina-tions of the Pensions Management

Fellow of The Royal Academy of Engineering, presided at the twenti-eth annual meeting held in London yesterday. Sir David Davies, CBE, FEng, FRS, was elected President for yesterday. Sir David Davies, CBE, FEng, FRS, was elected President for a five year term in succession to Sir William Barlow, FEng, The Academy elected the following New Fellows: Mr Stewart M Adamson, Mr William J Alexander, Professor Richard E Alisop. Professor Anthony O Barber, Dr Peter Broughlon, Mr John A R Chisbolm, Mr David J Ollifer, Mr David Compston, Mr Jolian R Darley, Professor Anne P Dowling, Professor Arne P Dowling, Professor Parig S Durrani, Mr Pener D Ewins, Dr Christopher E Fay, Professor Christopher A Flenning, Dr John Grant, Dr Kenneth W Gray, Professor Neil A Hallwell, Dr Philip J Harrgrave, Professor Christopher J Harris, Mr Norman D Haste, Mr Pener R Head, Professor Joseph Helszajn, Dr Andrew Hopper, Professor Christopher J Harris, Mr Norman D Haste, Mr Pener R Head, Professor Joseph Helszajn, Dr Andrew Hopper, Professor Govid I J Hunghreys, Dr Sue Ion, Mr Jeffrey A Jupp. Mr William I Liddell, Mr Jusceph Locke, Professor John G McWhitner, Professor David I A Poll, Mr Keith J Salls, Professor Stephen M Richardson, Mr William J Kidgen, Mr Pener Saraga, Professor Christopher M Selaras, Mr Neville Stmns, Ms Pachel Spuoncer, Professor Martin N Sweeting, Professor Anthony Unswonth, Or Richard J Wakernan, Mr Mark Whilty, Dr Peter M Williams.

The following were elected as Foreign

Members:
Dr Jamshed J Irani (India), Dr
Giovanni Lombardi (Switzerland), Dr
Ramesh Mashelkar (India), Professor
Norbert Morgenstern (Canada), Dr
Hiroshi Dhba, KBE (Japan), Dr Albert
R C Westwood (USA).

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The following were elected as Foreign

All of the above are entitled to use the letters FEng after their names.

Royal Navy Club of 1765 and 1785 The Duke of Edinburgh presided at a dinner given by the Royal Navy Club of 1765 and 1785 last night at Lincoln's Inn to celebrate The Queen's Birth-day and to mark Operation Husky.

Forthcoming marriages

Miss E.J. Molesworth-St. Aubyn

The engagement is announced

between Major Simon David

Oliver, Royal Scots Dragoon Guards (Carabiniers & Greys).

younger son of Lieutenant Colonel

and Mrs M.D. Oliver, of

Pimperne, Dorset, and Emma

Jane, only daughter of Lieutenant

Colonel Sir Arscott and Lady Molesworth-St. Aubyn. of

The marriage took place on Fri-day, July 5, in Sussex, of John, son

of the late Mr and Mrs William

Costello, and Susanna, daughter

of the late Mr Nicholas Clarke and

of Mrs Serefina Clarke, of London.

The marriage took place in London yesterday, between Mr Robin Ludlow, of Warminster,

Wiltshire, and Mrs Primrose King.

The marriage took place on Sat-urday, June 29, at Merton College Chapel, Oxford, of Drs Arjan

Verschoor, elder son of Drs Rene

Verschoor and Meyrouw Hanneke

van Welsum-Tanja, of the Netherlands, to Miss Geraldine

Ballantyne Houston, only daugh-ter of the late Professor W.J.B. Houston and of Mrs Turid Hous-

ton, of Ashtead, Surrey. The Rev Andrew Tremlett officiated.

Pericarrow, Cornwall.

Marriages

and Miss S. Clarke

Mr E.J.R. Ludlow

and Mrs PJ. King

Drs J.A.J. Verschoo

and Miss G.L.B. Houston

of Chelsea.

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Mr R.P.T. Cox and Miss S.L.M. Aitchison The engagement is announced between Ralph, son of Mr Richard Cox, of Alderney, and Mrs. Caroline Pollard, of Yeabridge.

Somerset, and Serena, daughter of

Mr and Mrs George Aitchison, of

Wheatley, Oxford. Mr J.C. Fry and Miss P.M. Mason The engagement is announced between Jay, second son of Mr and

Mrs John Fry, of Luion, Bedford-shire, and Pippa, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Keith Mason, of Breuil-le-Sec. France. Mr RJ.P. Manners and Miss H.C. Hewitson

The engagement is announced between Peverel, son of Lord and Lady John Manners, of Knipton. Leicestershire, and Hilary, daughter of the late Mr Neil Hewitson and of Mrs Hewitson, of Rushlake Green, Sussex. Mr A.G. Morris

and Miss S.J.I. De Morgan The engagement is announced between Andrew, youngest son of Mr and Mrs Derek Morris. of Melbourne, Australia, and Serena. elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Barry De Morgan, of Stourpaine. Dorser.

Mr N.J. Seaton and Miss S.E.M. Thorne The engagement is announced between Nicholas, son of Mr and Mrs Michael Searon, of Wooburn Green. Buckinghamshire, and Sally, daughter of Mr and Mrs Richard Thome, of Beaconsfield. Buckinghamshire.

Mr S.R.A. Sheffield and Miss C.E.D. Smith The engagement is announced between Simon, son of Mr and Mrs Julian Sheffield, of Laverstoke, Hampshire, and Dido, daughter of Sir John and Lady Smith, of Shottesbrooke, Berkshire, The bride, who was given in marriage by her brother. Mr Erik Ballantyne Houston, was attended by Karl Henrik and Katharina Warloe-Eiktem, Elizabeth Tremlett, Miss Kirsten Dent and Miss Elizabeth Hodson A reception was held at Merton

College and the honeymoon is being spent in Scotland.

Corporation of London

The Duke and Duchess of Gloucester The Duke and Duchess of Gloucester were present on the occasion of the visit by Mr Nelson Mandela, President of South Africa. to the City of London yesterday, when the Lord Mayor and Corporation presented the Honorary Freedom of the City of London to Mr Mandela at Guildhall.

the Honorary Freedom of the City of London to Mr Mandela at Guildhall. Among those present were: Princess Zenant Mandela-Clamind, the High Commissioner for South Africa and Dr Tshabalala-Msimang, Prolessor Rader Asmal, Minister of Water Affairs and Forestry and Mrs Asmal, Mr Mac Maharal, Minister of Transport, and Mrs Maharal, Ms Stella Stgacu, Minister of Public Enterprises, Mr Alec Erwin, Minister of Trade and Industry and Mrs Erwin, Mr Aziz Pahad, Deputy Minister of Trade and Industry and Mrs Erwin, Mr Aziz Pahad, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs and Mrs Black-Pahad, Ms Gill Marcus, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs and Mrs Black-Pahad, Ms Gill Marcus, Deputy Minister of Hinanca, Professor Cert Gerwel, Officen-General, office of Intercor, Public Relations, Diffice of the President, Mrs Mes Minister, Public Relations, Diffice of the President, Mrs May Msadana, Personal Assistant to the Presideot. Dr Dirk de Lange, Physician to the President, the Deputy Prime Minister and Mrs Heseltine, the Ambassador of Finland and Mrs Biomovist, the High Commissioner for Austisioner for Malaysia and Datin Jamaylah, the High Commissioner for Australia, the American Ambassador and Mrs Crowe, the High Commissioner for Pakistan and Mrs Hasan, the Ambassador of Russia and Mrs Ambassador of Russia and Mrs

Adamishina, the High Commissioner for Malawi and Mrs Muwamba, the Lord Chamberlain and the Countess of Airlie. The Bishop of London and Mrs Chartres, Lord and Lady Carnoya, Lord and Lady Barber, the Lord-Lieutenant of Greater London and Lady Barber, the Lord-Lieutenant of Greater London and Lady Barber, the Lord-Lieutenant of Greater London and Lady Barmail, Lord and Lady Prior. Mr Clive Landa and Baroness Chalker of Wallasey, Lord and Lady Prior. Mr Clive Landa and Baroness Chalker of Wallasey, Lord and Lady Prior. Mr Clive Landa and Lady Steyn. Lord and Lady Hoffmann, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Sir Tasker Watkins, VC. Sir Geoftrey Parile, MP, and Lady Parile. The Governot of the Bank of England and Mrs George, the Lord Chief Justice of England and Lady Brown, the Vice Chancelinrol the Supreme Coun and Lady Brown, the Vice Chancelinrol the Supreme Coun and Lady Scon, Mr Stunley Wright and the Hon Mr Alison Wright. The Chief of the Delence Staff and Lady Inge, Sir Robin and Lady Jolliffe, Major-General Sir Stmon and Lady Gollett, Sir Anthony and Lady Birkin, Sir Bert and Lady Weatherlit. Sir Michael Caline and Miss Emma Nicholson, MP, Sir Gerek and Lady Birkin, Sir Bert and Lady Missemma Nicholson, MP, Sir Gerek and Lady Birkin, Sir Bert and Lady Mayoress of Kingston, guests and representatives of my Alison and Lady Condon, the Lord Mayor and Lady Navoress of Weathinster, the Maynr and Mayoress of Kingston, guests and representatives of the Services and the civil Service, (i) Institutions, members of parlament, aldermen, common counciliner and Clifters of the ecorons.

Preparatory School, Abingdon The Governors announce the

appointment of Mrs Dorothy-Anne Robinson as Headmistress of the Manor Preparatory School in succes-sion to Mrs Josephine Hearnden, who is retiring in March 1997, Mrs Robinson is currently Headmistress of St Nicholas House. Hemel Hemp-stead, where she has been known as Mrs Harrison.

Reception

Committee of Vice-Chancellors and **Principals** Professor Gareth Roberts. FRS, Chairman of the Comminer of Vice-Chancellors and Principals of the Universities of the United Kingdom was the host at a reception held Wesuminster Abbey.

Dinner

Lucifer Galfing Society
The Duke of York, Patron of the
Lucifer Gulfing Society, was a
speaker and presented the prizes at
the toth annual Commonwealth
dinner of the Lucifer Golfing Society
held last night at the Savoy Hotel.
Lord Weatherill, president, was in the
chair, Marshal of the RAF Lord Craig
of Radley and Lord Griffiths also
spoke. Among others present were:
The Ambassador of Fill, the High
Commissioner for Cameroon. Air
Chief Marshal Sir Andrew Wilson. Air
Marshal FT Squire. Mr William FE
Carr Icapialn of the society, the
President of the Royal Sydney Golf
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Heath, West Hill and Rye Golf Club.

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MAYNE - On July 8th. at Queen Charlotte's, to Altion (nee Irving) and John. a daughter. Sophie India, a sister for Charles, vac VREDERBURCH - Oni-4th July 1996, to Lucy (née Hart) and Ernest, a driughter, Isabella Florence Elisa.

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DEATHS

ADDISON-SCOTT - On 8th
July 1996. Earbara Gordon
only daughter of Surp. Capt.
and Mrs O.G. Addison-Scott
late of Budleigh Salteston.
Funeral Service al Exeter
Crematorium on Monday
18th July at 2 pm.
ARSCOTT - On July 5th
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Oavon. Profeasor Faitz
Madland aged 75. of
Winniper, Canada. Husband
of Jean. and of Sheila. Jather
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Funeral at St Peter's Currch.
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BALL - Once Burley). Shefia Florence, died in a wellding recident to Switzerland on 30th June. Dearty loved wife of Corria and mothor of David and Elzine. Funeral Friday 12th July in Caterham. For Oetalis of Pnoaral and Donatiana costact w.A. Transinve. (01883) 345345.

BATE - Michael Anthony of Chilcompton. nr Bath studenty but peacefully at his home on July 9th aged 71 years. Much loved by his family and triands. Funeral Service at St. John's Church. Chilcompton. on Tuesday July 16th at 2 pm followed by interment. Flowers of donations if preferred for St. John's Church Roof Fund in Bryan C. Bishop Funeral Service. Hallatrow Road. Pauton. Bristol.

BICKERSTETH - Penelope.

BICKERSTETH - Penelope, widow of Robert Bickersteth Seaforth Highlanders and Seaforth Highlanders and daughter of the late Colonel and Mrs Arthur Waterfield. died at 51 Mars/'s Couvent. Chiswick on July 7th 1996 aged 90. Fumeral Service at 81 Nicholas' Church. Salibouse Narfolk on Monday July 18th at 1.30pm and Memorial Service in London Inter. Esquiries to her nieces (0171) 722-4754, (01263) 57761. (01263) 577611. BICKERSTETH - Arthur Wison, ded peacefully on July 9th aged 85 years. Funaral service and interment will take place at 8t Mary's Church. Kirkby Lonadale on Wednesday July 17th at 2.30pm. All enquiries to John Dewhurst & Sons. (016394) 36340.

DEATHS

OHCNIN - Lady Evalyn adored wife of Air Marshal 81r Geoffrey Chanin, suddenly on 9th July aged 77 years. Funeral at Woking Crematorium 18th July at 5

FSEEMAM - Joyce Aima, peacefully on 6th July at Chelsea and Westminster Hospital aged 78. Fumeral at St. Marylabone Parish Church, Marylebone Road, London, on Monday 18th July at 2.45 pm followed by cremation at Golden Green Crematorium. Enquiries to H.J. Beat & Co (01811 969 1170.

HARDING - Vicior, beloved husband of Gerrie and much loved father of Richard and Andrew. Died on Sunday July 7th. Service well be held on Monday July 18th at 12. 30pm at The Saptiet Courch, Springfield Garden. Upminster Essex. Domations if desired. 10: Earls Foundation for Research LM. c/o 3.F. Mulley & Son Funeral Directors. 254 St. Mary's Lane. Upminster Essex RM4 30th. "A gentle, good and lovelyman; and their is how we will remember him".

HICKINBOTHAM - A.E. (Berd. Preceduity on July 9th 1996 at York House. Swanage, aged 84 years. devoted husband. father and

JONES - On Juty 4th 1995. Robert John Jones Ph.O., aged 75 of South Croydon, Surrey. Lata 210logy /Geology, Masher at Whitgift School, Fumeral has already taken place.

LODGE - Derek Harry Alan.
much loved husband of Beryl
and Bather of Roth, Judith
and Fath, Quietly at home
on July 10th, Service at
Amersham Free Church on
Wednesday 17th July at
11.30am, Donallous in:
Insperial Cancer Research or
John Ariott Memorial Fund.

MITCHELL. - Tom. On July 8th 1996, peacefully aged 90 husband of the laie Anne, formerly senior partner of Thomas Milchail and Partners IArchilects). Funaral at 21 Mary's. Statchlooley at 11.30 Tuesday 16th July followed by cremailoo. Family flowers only, if desired donations for Marie Curie Hospice, Calerham c/o Stoneman, Doran Court.

RICHARDSON - On 6th July, suddenly but pescefully, lan Macdonaid, beloved husband of Bridget and devoted father of Penelope. Lesley and Eleanor, and the late John and Alexander. formerly Head Master of Bancrott's School. Funeral St Mary's Church, lwerne Minster, on Friday 19th July at 12 noon. No flowers at his request, but dountions if desired to Relate Dorsot Marriage Guidance and 31 Mary's Iwerne Minster Organ Fund. c/o Colin J. Close Funoral Service, 18 Salisbury Street, Blandford DT11 7AU.

ROTHSCHILD - On July 8th, Amschel Mayor Jamaa, beloved husband, father and brother

Glous). Died 6th July 1996 aged 55 years. Former Chief Superintendent Dorset Police and island National Security Managar Coopers and Lybrand. He is survived by the wife Kathleen, children William, Laura, Lucy, Damiel and step-daughter Rebocca. A man of Honesty and the highest integrity, his loss will be deeply felt by his family, friands and colleagues. Funeral Service will be held at St Edmund's R.C. Church, Horndean, Hampshira at 10.45 am Tuesday 16th July followed by cremation at 12 noon. Family Howare only. Donalions in his of flowers may be made to support of Charer Research and forwarded to Barrells Funeral Directors Lid. 390 London Road, Waterlooville, Hampshire PO7 7TA.

DEATHS

PERSONAL

STACEY - (Secol) Lilian died pesorbully on July 8th 1996 at the age of 104. Committel al Goldors Graon Cremainrium on Friday, July 12th 1996 at 4pm. Sadly missed by her son and daughter-in-taw. azugaer-m-aw.

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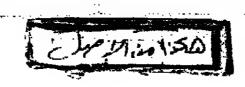
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BORN into the Rothschild hanking family, the son of the dauntingly gifted 3rd Baron by his second marriage. Amschel Rothschild played his part in the family businesses while also farming in East Anglia. Farming was indeed his first love — when it was not in danger of love — when it was not in danger of being usurped by his passion for motor sport, in which he was always among the front-runners in the historic car races at top circuits

throughout the country.

As a banker he cut his teeth working in the international banking area of NM Rothschild & Sons, before moving to Rothschild Asset Management as chief executive in

Although he may well have pre-

ferred the ploughlands and open skies of his Suffolk farm to the atmosphere of the City, it was the latter that eventually claimed him. After a prefatory spell with N.M. Rothschild, he gravitated to the more problematic waters of its fund management arm, Rothschild Asset Management. There, where he was eventually to become chairman, he handled the difficult task of managing what was at that time not one of N M Rothschild's strongest arms. Nevertheless, he steered it through the very difficult years of the early 1990s to a position of greater prosperity, through his sheer application.

Amschel Mayor James Rothschild was the second son of the 3rd Lord Rothschild, the eminent scientist and wartime MI5 agent who had also organised the creation of the Central Policy Review Staff (the Downing

Street "think tank") for the Government of Edward Heath. He was educated at The Leys School, Cambridge, and City University where he read economics, history and archae-

ology.

The penchant for speed and excitement on wheels which was to be such a feature of his adult life was shown at an early age, At 13 he acquired a scrambler motorcycle and was soon taking part in Sunday scrambling events, prompting his intrigued father (never a man to duck a new challenge himself) to murmur as he watched his small son slithering and

bouncing through the mud: "Hm, I'm tempted to have a go at it myself." After graduating from City University in 1976 he initially gravitated to the business side of journalism. In the late 1970s he worked for several years as circulation manager of the now defunct literary magazine the

New Review. He also inherited an arable farm, Rushbrooke, near Bury St Edmunds, and it was there, pondering crop rotation and the thousand and one problems which seasonally confront the husbandman, that he always felt truly at

In the meantime, his childhood penchant for racing around on two wheels had taken a more ambitious turn, and he became one of the country's most accomplished amateur motor racing drivers. As such he was a familiar sight on Britain's racing circuits, driving any one of the historic cars he had bought. Among his favourites were an AC Cobra Daytona sports car, a 1957 Maserati 250F Formula I car and — perhaps his favourite his favourite - a 1958 BRM P25 Formula I car. In the last he scored a series of successes on British race-

tracks over recent years, his last

victory being in the Peter Collins Memorial Trophy Race at Silver-stone in April this year. Speed in the air fascinated him as much as it did on the ground, and he also gained a private pilot's licence.

Bin the family business inevitably claimed him. In 1987 he went to work

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for NM Rothschild, where he was soon steered in the direction of asset management. In 1990 he became chief executive of Rothschild Asset Management and in 1993 was appointed chairman. His premature death must preclude a long-term assessment of his performance as a fund manager. But he is remembered for his courtesy and kindness, not qualities generally regarded in the City since the cut and thrust ethos which became pervasive during the Thatcher years.

Israel was always one of his preoccupations. His most important contribution to the country's development was through his being a trustee of the Hanadiv, the Rothschild foundation which has supported many projects, among them the building of the Knesset, the creation of Israel's Open University and a substantial grant towards the building of the High Court in Jerusalem. Rothschild was an active contributor of ideas to all Hanadiv's major projects in Israel.

Amschel Rothschild was known in all the spheres in which he excelled which included stunt flying in his favourite biplane — as a man of reticent charm who was more than content to let his achievements. particularly those in the high-speed sports in which he excelled, speak for

He married, in 1981. Anita, third daughter of the merchant banker James Guinness, They had a son and two daughters, who with his wife,

years before he took the

decision to become a lawyer.

He went on to the University

of California, where he was an

indifferent student, and worked for a time as a

merchant seaman before

entering law school in 1930.

After graduation in 1933, in the depths of the Depression,

he became an undercover investigator for the federal

Government's National Re-covery Administration and spent months posing as a hobo and riding the rails. His

shocking report served as the

basis for a migrant relief

programme, and the exper-ience gave him his lifelong

Belli went on to represent

convicted murderers on death

row at California's San

Quentin prison, free of charge,

partly in order to attract

attention. This he achieved,

once managing to persuade

the then British Foreign

Secretary Anthony Eden to

make a transatlantic tele-

phone call on behalf of his

client, a British subject

involved in a prison break.

The ploy failed, and the man

was convicted and executed,

but it gave Belli the

opportunity to stage his first

It was during this period

that Belli discovered the value

press conference.

sympathy for the poor.

DUKE ALBRECHT OF BAVARIA



Prince Albrecht, Duke of Bavaria, died at Schloss Berg, ocar Munich, oo July 8 aged 91. He was born in Monich on May 3, 1905.

ALBRECHT, Duke of Bavaria. was the second son of Crown Prince Rupprecht of Bavaria and his wife. Duchess Marie Gabriele. He was a Wittelsbach, the Bavarian rul-

Ing family.
The Wittelsbachs were traditionally brilliant, eccentric and wayward. To their beneficent rule the whole of Germany owes the enlightened loth-century law of Reinheitsgebot, the "pledge of purity" which decrees that German beer may contain oo ingredients other than hops, water, yeast and sugar, ft is the strict enforcement of this law to this very day which ensures the renowned freshness and natural sparkle of

German beer. Among Albrecht's distin-guished ancestors were Elec-tor Friedrich V, the "Winter King" of Bohemia and father of Prince Rupert the Cavalier, and Ludwig I who built the magnificent Nymphenburg Palace on the ouiskirts of Munich. An ancestral uncle, Otto (1815-67), was King of Greece for thirty years, but wore threadbare clothes. while the eccentric King Ludwig Il, pairon of Wagner and builder of the castles of Neuschwanstein. Herrenchiemsee and Linderhof, was

an ancestral cousin.

Crown Prince Rupprecht. Albrecht's father, commanded the German Sixth Army at the Battle of the Marne and famously (and correctly) dis-agreed with von Moltke's faulty tactics, which led to the German defeat. King Otto I of Bavaria was mad but was still alive during Prince Albrecht's childhood. During that time the octogenarian Prince Luitpold, a man with a splendid white beard, was Regent. After his death in 1912 at the age of 91, the regency was assumed by Albrecht's grandfather, Ludwig, a cattle-breed-er. He deposed Otto in 1913 and took over the throne as King Ludwig III, causing many in Bavaria to deem him a usurper, considering his accession a bad omen. He proved the last King of Bavaria, losing his throne to the communists in November

The royal family fled to Hungary where Ludwig III died in 1921 and was succeeded as head of the family by Prince Rupprecht. He, in turn, was succeeded by his son in 1955. Prince Albrecht Luipold Ferdinand Michael thus became head of the royal house. As such, he was also "representative and heir-general of

King Charles I". He was twelfth in direct line of descent from King James I. which made him the Stuart pretend-er to the British Throne. Had the Old Pretender forsworn three

1918.

his Roman Catholic faith in 1714, the duke would most likely have found himself King of England. His father used to lay an annual wreath beside the statue of James f in Munich. The claim was upheld staunchly by such organ-isations as the Royal Stuart Society, who hold an annual dinner in London and regular-ly drank toasts to the de jure "King Albert I of England". But the duke himself neither pressed nor denied the claim and tended to give a wide berth to those sentimental Jacobites who hailed him as their king. The duke was on civil terms with the British Royal Family and the Queen visited him during her state

The duke left Bavaria soon after Hitler came to power but returned in 1939 to find that his property had been confis-cated. Later he and his wife went to Hungary where they were arrested, undertaking what he described as "a grand tour of the concentration camps" — Sachenhausen, Flossenburg, and Dachau -before being interned in the Tyrol. Then the Americans arrested him. In June 1945 he returned to Munich in a stolen car, and bearing no identification papers. He found the city

visit to Germany in 1965.

in a bombed-out state. Thereafter his family no longer owned Nymphenburg Palace but the duke lived in an apartment there. Most of his family pictures were on exhibition in the Pinakothek gallery, in reality the property of the German nation, though, as the duke would explain, he was at least allowed to go and look at them for nothing. The duke also owned a castle at Berchtesgaden, but disliked going there because of the throngs of tourists who seemed obsessed by Hitler.

The duke's interest lay in forestry, in which he was an internacionally recognised figure. He also promoted Bavarian folk music and created an educational foundation. He disliked modern art and mod-ern music. He will be remembered as a retiring man with a handsome white moustache, a figure whose public and political interventions were rare. In 1967 he did break his silence to urge Bavarians not to try to undermine German federal-

The duke married twice, His first wife was Marita, only daughter of Count Dionys Draskovich de Trakostjan. They were married in 1930 and had two sons and two daughters. She died in 1969. Then in 1971, he married, secondly, Maria-Jenke, only daughter of Count Stephan Keglevich de Buzin. She was killed in a car accident in 1983. In May 1995 there were public celebrations for the duke's 90th birthday at which Euro-

pean royalty gathered.

The new head of the family is the duke's elder son from his first marriage. Prince Franz. who was born in 1933.

MELVIN BELLI

Melvin Belli, American trial lawyer, died in San Francisco on Joly 9 aged 88, He was born in Sonora, California, on July 29, 1907.

EVEN in a profession much given to courtroom drama, there were few who could match the panache of Melvin Belli. With his snakeskin cowboy boots and red-lined suits, the silver-haired and silver-tongued Belli was the champion of the underdog and the scourge of major corporations. "I don't know if there are any better lawyers than I am," he once declared, but I'd dispute it if anyone said so."

Belli was known as "The King of Torts." a title earned by his enormous success in winning record awards for his clients in personal injury cases during the 1940s and 1950s. In all, he claimed to have won verdicts totalling more than \$350 nullion - for which Belli. under the American contingency fee system, was paid one third of the amount recovered. Among the corporations which felt his sting were General Motors, Coca-Cola, and the Hershey chocolate company.

His clients were mostly ordinary people, like the victims of the 1984 disaster in Bhopal, India, for whom Belli filed some 2,000 cases in



American courts against the owners of the Union Carbide plant. But he had famous clients, too, among them the

film stars Mae West, Errol Flynn and Mickey Rooney, the Rolling Stones, and the boxer Muhammad Ali.

But Belli did not die a rich man. A messy divorce in 1988 from his fifth wife, Lia, cost him millions in what was said

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to be one of the most expensive divorces in history. The Government claimed he owed millions of dollars in taxes, and in 1995 his law firm filed for hankruptcy because of the costs involved in representing clients suing Dow Corning for breast-implant injuries. In 1964, at the peak of his career. Belli agreed to defend

Jack Ruby, charged with the murder of Lee Harvey Oswald, the alleged assassin of President John Kennedy. It was a stellar performance before live television cameras and Belli, who claimed that his client was not guilty by reason of temporary insanity, was infuriated when he lost. He called the jury's decision "a victory for bigotry", and accused the judge of running a "kangaroo court". It was typical hyperbole from a man constantly at war with the Establishment.

Most of all, Belli loved suing doctors in medical malpractice suits, which he described as a way of "putting the fear of God in some of the unqualified men in medicine". "Juries are beginning to realise that there's no limit on the value of human life," he "Maybe doctors will begin to respect the same principle."

Melvin Mouron Belli, the son of a California fruit farmer, had discovered his talent for public speaking while still at high school, and his first personal experience with the law came as he was about to graduate. When he was suspended from school two weeks before the end of his final term for being caught at a rowdy drinking party, his father decided to sue the school principal for the boy's diploma. Belli recalfed the incident in his 1976 auto-biography, My Life on Trial: "Judge Rutherford hauled out a couple of writs, a replevin, a bench warrant, a subpoena duces tecum, a habeas corpus, and a handful of old bail bonds. He stuck them all together with notary public seals and a red ribbon, put on his W.C. Fields top hat, and served the whole thing on the principal. I got my diploma oo the spot."

It was a lesson in legal bravado that Belli never forgot, though it was some

of producing dramatic evidence to a jury. While defending a black inmate on a charge of murdering a fellow prisoner, claiming that his client acted in self-defence Belli accidentally dropped a drawer full of knives and other assorted weapons confiscated from other convicts. Shocked, the jury voted for acquittal. "I had learnt," Belli said later, "that jurors learn through all their senses, and if you can tell them and show them, too, let them see and feel and even taste or smell the evidence; then you will reach the jury." Belli put that knowledge to good use for the next 60 years. During this time he also wrote 72 books about his cases. Although pancreatic cancer was diagnosed in April, he was still working up to the time of his death. He is survived by his sixth wife, Nancy Ho, whom he married this year, and by three sons and daughters.

A glance at the sports news — confined to a single page and, like the rest of the

Massy. It is hardly too much to say that extraordinarily large margin of seven

strokes a field comprising all the best professionals, with the single exception of Herd: playing, moreover, golf so wonderfully good that his competitors must have appeared impotent by comparison.

Lawn Tennis The Championships [Concern was expressed that, with the champion-ships now lasting a fortnight, the best amateurs would be discouraged from taking part.]

If the entry list for the singles were cut down; if competitors were compelled to be punctual: if more use were made of the side courts for important matches; and if "the holders" were required to "play through", much time would be gained. As to an entry list which drew from an Australian the observation, 'I see rabbits spoil the grass here as much as at home,' surely the time has come for it to be restricted. On their form the foreign and Colonial players are thoroughly entitled to their places, but some of the Englishmen should be relegated to garden parties, where they would no

doubt win distinction.

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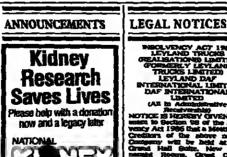
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Wrestling Bux v Cherpillod

Yesterday afternoon at the Oxford Music Hall, Ahmud Bux, the Indian wrestler, met Arnaud Chernillod, the Swiss champion, to contest the best of three pin-falls in catch-as-catch-can style. Bux won the first fall in four minutes. whereupon his opponent retired, and the Indian received the referee's award ... Cherpillod was utterly outclassed, although he was only 6lb lighter and appeared to be in better training. He was a babe in the embrace of Bux and, what surprised the spectators most, a squalling babe; several times he emitted frenzied ejaculations, while his friends raised cries of "Foul" in the French of Switzerland.

Golf Recent Events It is quite in accordance with the fitness of things that Massy should be the Open Champion of France. Four rounds in an average of 71 upon almost any course and La Boulie is not by any means a particularly easy one - implies golf, not ON THIS DAY

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only brilliant, but wonderfully consistent. At Sandwich about len days ago we had Massy and Harry Vardon playing off for the Championship, and after the first nine holes there was only one man in the hunt, and that one assuredly not Vardon made Massy appear a loose, inaccurate, and inferior player. Yet only three or four days afterwards we have Massy bearing Vardon by some nine strokes in 72 holes, and beating by the

How good is your holiday insurance?

By TONY DAWE

AS THE holiday season reaches its peak, millions of tourists are being warned that they could be heading abroad both unprepared and uninformed about the health risks

they face. Estimates by the insurance industry suggest that 600,000 of the 8.5 million people travelling abroad this summer will require medical assistance and doctors and travel chiefs fear that many will end up

paying thousands of pounds for the treatment they receive. The bills will arise because holidaymakers have failed to take out adequate insurance or have relied on the Department of Health's Elll form, which is supposed to guarantee health-care for UK citizens in European and other countries.

Concern is being voiced by both politicians and the travel trade about the efficiency of the system intended to warn tourists about infectious diseases abroad. The concern follows a serious outbreak of legionnaires' disease affecting several Britons in a Turkish hotel last summer, and an outbreak of cholera in Penang,

Malaysia, this spring.

The warnings about the Elll system and the levels of cover provided by some credit card travel insurance have come, predictably, from the insurance industry, but even the Health Department advises; "In countries with which the UK has mutual healthcare agreements, the arrangements may not cover all the

expenses you can incur."
The warnings are backed by independent doctors, including Peter Barrett, senior medical consultant to Medical Advisory Services for Travellers Abroad, a private company set up in



pean Community, it is the right of every British traveller to receive reciprocal health care in EC countries and some others, but only in an emergency and only to the standard which a citizen of that country might be offered, which is not always what you might expect in the UK," he says. "Travel-lers should not rely on the EIII and should take out extra cover, which is not expensive."

Bupa Travel Services says that in France, for example, tourists receiving treatment in an approved hospital would be responsible for paying a quarter of the total cost as well as a fixed daily charge, and in Australia they would have to pay for ambulance travel, prescribed medicines.

Julie Philpott, marketing director of Columbus Travel Insurance, says: "In Spain, state hospitals are few and far between and it is standard practice for patients to be taken to a private clinic. Even when they are lucky enough to go to a state hospital, they can still be expected to pay for about 40 per cent of all medicines prescribed,"

Nigel Griffiths. Labour's

Shadow Consumer Minister,

is leading demands for an improved early-warning sys-tem for tourists about infec-tious diseases abroad. He says that during the legionnaires' disease outbreak in Turkey last year, ministers waited until nine people had caught the disease and 1,250 British tourists had slayed at the hotel before issuing any proactive



About 70 per cent of Thermalia Travel customers are women because, it says, they know how to look after themselves

Britons return to take the waters

By Harvey Elliott and Jemma Cooper

than 100 years ago is making a come-back as health-conscious Britons return to spas and hot water springs.

Spa holiday centres, which reached

their peak of popularity in the middle of the 19th century, are again attracting record numbers of visitors of all ages auxious to cleanse their bodies of modern ailments and pollutants.

The rebirth of spa treatments began in France about ten years ago when thallasotherapy centres were built along the Mediterranean and west coasts.

Today France has 45 of the 65 centres that have sprung up around the world. Air France Holidays has launched a special package brochure featuring eight principal senters in an attempt to tan into the pal centres, in an attempt to tap into the burgeoning UK market.

Though no longer the exclusive pre-serve of the rich and famous, spa holidays can still be expensive. Six nights

A HOLIDAY craze which faded more at the Hotel Hermitage in Monaco, for than 100 years ago is making a come-example, costs £1,835 including seawater baths, underwater massage, pressurised jets of water and body wraps, while a six-day British Airways Holldays package at the Grand Mirage in Bali during July and August costs £1,179.

Pel Tours specialise in packages to Israel and the Middle East, with a fortnight of treatments at the Dead Sea costing from £1,092.

One of the most exclusive is the Chiva-Som bealth resort in Thailand. Five nights in the pampered luxury of the £16.8 million development along one of Thailand's most attractive beaches costs £1,598 per person through Simply Tropix. Tour operators claim a big increase in sales - whatever the price.

There are cheaper options with fast growing companies such as Thermalia Travel of Finchley Road, London, offering a week at any one of 13 destinations

for less than £1,000. Most popular are spas in Italy, Hungary and Turkey, with a week in the Italian spa town of Abano Terme costing around £759.

Thermalia has seen a "tremendous" growth in the demand for spa holidays, says managing director Miro Sajfert. "People are tired of routine holidays and want to treat their bodies and minds," he says. "About 70 per cent of our customers are women, because they know how to look after themselves."

However, the number of male customers is climbing, especially in the 30 to 50 age range. Women favour treatments that revitalise and rejuvenate, such as lymph drainage and anti-cellulite, but men prefer "de-stress" programmes such as massage and detoxification.

The age of clients is also falling. "Last year we had a man of 25 who was totally stressed out," says Mr Sajfert, "After a week in a spa, he was brand new."

East Europeans offer joint deals

By Harvey Elliott

BRITISH tourists will be soon be able to stay in some of Eastern Europe's most attractive cities through a single "city hopper" package deal, after an agreement between rival airlines of the former Communist bloc.

Warsaw. Prague and Buda-pest, each of which is linked to Britain only through its own individual air route, will now offer combined holiday packages sold through up to 30 UK

tour operators. Lot Polish Airlines, Maley from Hungary and the Czech Republic carrier CSA have formed Trio, a marketing agreement designed both to enable passengers to visit any two of their countries' capital cities and develop tourism to the whole of the Central European region. The overall fare for flights to any two of the three cities will be as much as 50 per cent below the cost of buying individual air fares.

At present, individual flights must bought in advance, often involving complicated switching between airlines

Andrzej Rode, general manager of Lot, said: "These Central European capitals have a global appeal, largely because we do not have a history of mass tourism and there is still so much to discover about these beautiful and historical cities.

"As flag carriers, we are all dedicated to promoting tourism not only to our individual countries, but to the Central European region as a whole. This deal closes the gap between our capitals which had prevented tourists from seeing more than one place during their holiday or short break."

The growth in tourism to Budapest, Prague and Warsaw has been enormous over the past few years and the airlines, each of which has some of the most modern Western-built fleets in the world, are carrying about 30 per cent more passengers than they did last year. Next year

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they plan a further growth of up to 80 per cent.

Air fares are so high and ticketing often so complicated that many visitors now take the train or coach between the capitals to save both money and hassle. But this can take up to seven hours compared with a one-hour flight.

Card scam added £2,000 to rug bill

By IAN FLETCHER

COLIN WINTER rues the day that he bought a souvenir rug on his Turkish holiday — and inherited a £2,000 credit card

Mr Winter became the innocent victim of a conman when the card transaction slip was the card transaction sup was altered to inflate the price of the £175 carpet. Now he has been told he is liable to pay the full £2,395 which was charged to his card by the salesman because he does not have proof of the true cost of transaction.

Consumer groups are taking up the case and are warning Britons travelling abroad to beware of falling into the same extortion trap when they use credit cards to

buy souvenirs.

Mr Winter, who is a civil servant from Newcastle upon Tyne, decided to buy the rug during a trip he took to Turkey with his mother and sister. "Many other people could have their holiday ruined because their credit card company deals with retailers who set out to rip tourists off," he

It was only after he returned home that he discovered the credit card bill was for £2,395, a sum which took him £900 over his credit limit. He realised then that he had not been given the top copy of the transaction slip, but only a written receipt from the

salesman The card company showed him a slip they had received from Turkey in which the date had been altered and the amount he had signed for looked as though it had had two extra zeros added.

1 have tried to contact the salesman who sold me the carpet direct but it is impossible to find his telephone number in Turkey," he said. The card company should have a bener chance of being able to track him down as he is equipped to take their credit card. They have been really unhelpful, and this is such a

lot of money for me to lose."

The National Consumer Council said that millions of Britons are left unprotected and are routinely misled about their legal rights when they use their credit cards at home or abroad. And the case of Mr Winter's carpet should be a warning to holidaymakers this summer to doublecheck every detail of a credit card transaction before they

Hong Kong flight to be world's longest

THE world's longest non-stop scheduled air service, on which passengers will spend almost 16 hours flying 7.789 miles from Chicago to Hong Kong across Siberia in a jumbo jet, is to be opened next week, Harvey Elliott writes.

Sophisticated satellile navi-gation methods which enable long-range Boeing 747-400 jets to trim a few vital minutes from the journey time by sticking to inch-perfect tracks, have persuaded United Airlines to launch the new threetimes-a-week service.

In 1983, a Korean Airlines flight was shot down by Russian aircraft after it strayed over a base at Sakhalin. All 269 people on board died. The incident was largely responsible for the creation of a joint air, traffic control organisation and an internarional drive to improve navigational accuracy and cooperation, and prevent anything like it from happening again.

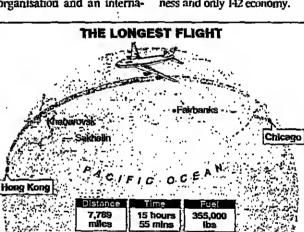
A new technology system called Fans (Future Air Navigarion System) has been set un to make use of global positioning satellites enabling aircraft to fly an exact track and so shave up to an hour off the flight time to Hong Kong.

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Using the new air corridor across Siberia, aircraft fitted with the system will be under the watchful eye of a Russian air traffic control station at Magadan in eastern Russia.

In an attempt to make the long-distance flight more comfortable United has increased the distance between seats and reduced the number of passengers to 36 first-class, 123 busi-ness and only 142 economy.





Families on the Alaska gold trail in 1897. Now tourist chiefs are hoping there will a similar flood of holidaymakers

Alaska prepares for a new gold rush

THE GOLD rush is begin-ning again but this time it is the lourist trade in Alaska and the Yukon which is hoping to strike it rich.

A wide range of celebrations, including re-enactments, races and parades, are being planned to mark the centenary of the first big gold strike in the Klondike on BY TONY DAWE

Angust 16, 1896, and the subsequent historic events. To promote the celebrations, a travel mission is heading for London. Jacqi Todd, UK representative of the state's tourism division. says the mission will be the first of its type and will

include briefings for the travel trade on "how to plan and sell the destination of Alaska". An

agent is also being appointed in the UK for Alaska Airlines. The Canadians are arranging commemorative events in and around Dawson City, which became the centre of

the gold rush. Among them will be the re-enactment next July of the journey of the first ton of gold by road and rail from Dawson to Skagway, southern Alaska, and then by

> Although the first big strike was made in the Yukon, an earlier strike had been made in Juneau, Alaska, and at the turn of the century gold fever spread to the centre and the the West Coast.

A variety of activities are planned in Skagway, now a popular cruise port but formerly the gateway to the Chilkoot and White Passes leading to the Klondike. *Everything a visitor sees or

does in Skagway is in some way related to the gold rush," says Robert Ward, executive director of the town's visitors bureau. "We've been celebrating the gold rush ever since it happened but the coming events are going to be special."

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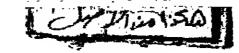
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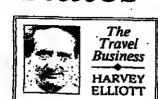
s Britain packs its bags and prepares to head off on holiday in Florida, Turkey, Spain and France. concern is growing among countries whose share of the tourism market is falling. A difference of just a few percentage points can, for them, spell crippling problems. Few are affected more than

the islands of Malta and Cyprus. They are neither cheap European resorts, nor are they exotic long-haul destinations, in the boom rimes of the 1980s they both prospered. but now the numbers are on the slide as Britons seek ever lower prices or new, less-developed destinations.

Malta had 60,000 fewer lourists in 1995 than in 1994. The indications are that this year there will be a further drop of about 10 per cent. The George Cross island is eager lo join the European Union. To make its case, the Governnent is rapidly bringing its ws into line with the EU, including an end to state aid for

Maita's Iravel business. After intense pressure from British lour operators, how-ever, the Maltese have agreed to continue offering what the Tour Operators Support Scheme (Toss) — which gives British companies a preferenlial exchange rate, cutting the price by up to 20 per cent. Many travel experts in Malta claim that the expected drop in numbers of up to 10 per cent would be as high as 35

per cent without the subsidy. Now the state-owned Air Malta wants to turn Malta into a "hub" for more profitable scheduled services. It has



ambitious plans to attract passengers from Italy. North Africa and Eastern Europe. then fly them on to Britain or America, ft has even created AzzurraAir, a new short-haul airline based in Bergamo,

Cyprus is also trying to find ways of preventing the hae-morrhaging of its visilors to other destinations. Four years ago there were a million British hohdaymakers to the island, last year there were \$50,000 and this year there will be 120,000 fewer still.

oel Josephides, chair-man of the Associ-ation of Greek Cypriot Travel Agents, says: "Why should tour operators send a plane to Cyprus when it is more profitable to send it

to Turkey?"
Air Malta has said il "will never enter a price war", and Cyprus steadfastly refuses to conlemplate Malta's Toss subsidy. Instead, both plan to move upmarket. But so do many other countries with more to offer and which are less spoilt by development.

Neither Cyprus nor Malta is now poor — both are among the wealthiest, per head, in Europe. Tourism has brought them that prosperity. Radical thinking is urgently needed if il is to continue.

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ALBANIA is the somewhat unlikely holiday spot on offer from luterchange with four days in a family home, sightseeing and flights on Austrian Airlines via Vienna costing 1530. Details: 0181-681 3612.

TURKEY for a week for £199 a person, including bed and breakfast on a Sunworld holiday with flights from Bristol on Monday are among late offers from Thomas Cook. Details: 0990 ISISIS.

■ ORLANDO for £359 a person for 13 days fly-drive holiday and accommodation with daily flights from East Midlands is available from Connections. Details: 0171-629 4010.

MONASTIR, Tunisia, for £239 a person for a week's self-catering holiday with a flight from Manchester nn July 21, is available from Cosmos, Octails: 0161-480 5799.

SAVINGS of £230 a person are available from Tropical Places on a formight's five-starbeach holel holiday in Kenya with a flight from Gatwick on July 21. The new price is £999 and includes half-board, a safari trip and wind-surfing lessons. Details: 01342 825123.

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■ SUSI MADRON'S Cycling for Softies will appeal to easy riders who can pay £487 each for return flights from London, half-board accommodation and a week's touring north of the Loire. Details: 0161-248 8282.

ELYSIAN Holidays has late availability on the Candili estate in northern Evia, Greece's second-largest island. Half-board accommodation is reduced by £80 to £200 a person a week throughout July and August. Flights extra. Details: 01797 225482.

CRETE with few lourists is the promise of Explore Worldwide for its Cretan Rambler holiday starting tomorrow and including sightseeing. The 16-day tour costs £629 a person and includes return flights and B&B accommo-dation in village inns, Details: 01252 319448.

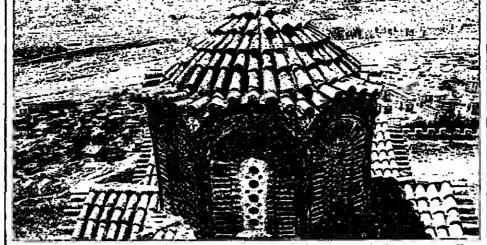
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■ WIGHTLINK Ferries is offering a day return to the Isle of Wight for £33.50 for a car and four passengers, sailing after 9.25am on weekdays. Details: 0181-324 4000.

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■ EUROSTAR's new early-bird service departs Waterloo at 0453 and Ashford at 061S to arrive in Paris at 0917. Details 0990 186186.

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RETURN trips to Nice, Geneva and Lisbon are

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■ AUSTRALIA for £630 return aboard Virgin Atlantic is still on offer from Travel Warehouse, Details: 0171-414 8808.

■ SPECIAL fares to Toronto are available from Welcome Travel for Air India flights from Heathrow, including £948 for first class, saving £3,000, and £395 for economy, saving £300. Details 0171-439 3627.

■ WORLD Airlines has a £199 three-day business-class fare for its London City-Amsterdam service. Details 0171-287 6000.

■THE BUDGET airline Debonair has launched flights between Luton and Madrid (from £49 one-way) and Newcastle (from £28 one-way). Copenhagen (from £59 one-way) will follow on August 7. Details 0500 146200.

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THE luxurious Hotel Crillon in Paris is offering a summer weekend package for two people until the end of August of une night's accommodation, continental breakfast and two return first-class Eurostar tickets, for £498. Details: 01233 646t8t.

■ LONDON'S new Park Consul Townhouse Hotel has a summer rate of £87.50 plus VAT for either a single or double room until the end of August. The rate is part of the hotel reservation agency Utell's Great Rates Sale. Details: 0171-225 7575 (hotel), 0990 300200 (Utell).

TO CELEBRATE its first anniversary, the Slaley Hall Hotel near Hexham in Northum-berland has a £99 a person rate on a half-board basis until the end of August. The price, based on a two-night stay with two sharing, includes a choice of sports or health facilities. Details:

LIBERTEL Hotels is offering up to a third off its normal rates at its 27 two and three-star hotels in Paris until September I. Rates vary from Fr300 (about £37.50) to Fr750 a room, including VAT and city tax. A fourth night is free when a three-night booking is made. Details:

THE Sheraton Heathrow Hotel has devised a wedding package priced at 136 a person. based on a minimum of 60 people. The price includes hire of a function room, a three-course meal with sparkling wine overnight accom-modation for the bride and groom in a suite. plus other extras. Details: 0181-759 2424.

■ HEALTH and beauty breaks are available at the new fitness spa at Bodysgallen Hall near Llandudno, Accommodacion, dinner, cham-pagne and four spa treatments is from £120 a person a night. The price includes £25 towards further treatments, available on additional days. A non-participating partner rate is from £50. Details: 01492 584466.

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■ Germany yesterday set itself on a collision course with Brussels by extending indefinitely a national ban on the import of all British beef and its by-products although the EU has already begun to ease the embargo.

Bonn's apparent readiness to defy the EU is certain to stoke passions in Britain when the European Court of Justice rules tomorrow on Britain's request for an emergency suspension of the overall ban, which Britain is not expected to win ... Page I

Mother and child murdered

■ A girl aged nine was seriously ill in hospital after being found unconscious and battered lying by the bodies of her mother and six-year-old sister in a cornfield in Kent. They had been walking back from Goodnestone primary school to their cottage in Nonington, near Canterbury ...

Ulster on the edge

Religious leaders in Northern Ireland met David Trimble, the Ulster Unionist leader, to try to resolve the stand-off at Drumcree before tomorrow's Orange Order Attack on strikes

Plans to outlaw strikes in the water, power and transport industries, and the health service, are to be considered by ministers in a radical clampdown on trade ..Page 2

Rothschild heir dies Amschel Rothschild, 41, the heir

of the family banking dynasty. suffered a heart attack and died while alone in a Paris hotel room. He had just finished a series of .. Pages 3, 19 meetings School to reopen

The school where a man carried out a machete attack will reopen on Monday. Yesterday the head teacher recalled the "worst moments of her life"..... Page 4

Dûrer for the nation

The National Gallery has bought Albrecht Dürer's Saint Jerome in the Wilderness for £10 million, It hung unrecognised in Norfolk until 40 years ago..... Page 6 Seahorses nobbled

The seahorse population is believed to have halved in the past five years: 20 million are caught every year for oriental medicines,Page 7

Brake on defaulters

People who do not pay their fines could be stripped of their driving licences or tagged electronically as an alternative to jail in a government drive to punish

Orwell propaganda Documents released by the Public Record Office in Kew reveal that George Orwell was enlisted in 1949 by the Foreign Office to help Britain to fight Soviet Union propaganda....

French scandals

No fewer than 30 French company heads have been investigated for alleged corruption over the past three years and this year is expected to produce a bumper crop of scandals.......Pages 10, 17 Yeltsin thankyou

President Yeltsin announced that there would be "serious corrections" in Russian economic policy in a speech thanking Russian voters for their support...... Page II

Iraq trade protest

Binyamin Netanyahu, the Israeli Prime Minister, addressed Congress and condemned Europe's continuing trade with Iran and

Hong Kong's future

Britain has an enormous economic interest in the future of Hong Kong as well as a moral responsibility, Chris Patten, the colony's Governor, said...

Chill out and run to an Olympic Gold

Scientists have found that cold baths help distance runners. This could be helpful in Atlanta: unlike steroids or stimulants, cold baths are not banned. Eight athletes were cooled before being tested on a treadmill, where their performance improved by 4 to 5 per cent, which was attributed to a lower body temperature improving muscle efficiency....



Dame Stella Rimington, former Director General of MI5, after becoming an honorary Doctor of Laws at Exeter University

BUSINESS:

MoD homes: The £1.6 billion privatisation of the MoD married quarters estate could burden the Government with hills of up to £900 million a year Page 23 Compact discs: EMI Music is one

of six companies facing a lawsuit in America accusing them of collusion over CD prices..... Page 23 British Energy: Private investors are expected to get about half of the shares in British Energy, the nuclear power group, after it was revealed that more than 520,000 had applied for them Page 23

Markets: The FT-SE 100 index rose 13.5 points to close at 3765.8. Sterling's trade-weighted index rose from 86.4 to 86.5 after a rise from \$1,5517 to \$1,5535 and from

SPORT Motor racing: Damon Hill, runaway leader in the Formula One

world championship, will demand

double his present annual salary of

66 million to stay with Williams-Renault next season Page 44 Cricket: Warwickshire, the holders, were knocked out of the NatWest Trophy by Surrey. Andrew Caddick took a hat-trick for Somerset in their win over Gloucestershire Pages 38, 39, 44 Golf: Colin Montgomerie and lan Woosnam scored 70 to share the lead on the first day of the Scottish Open at Carnoustie.....Page 37

Football: Newcastle United's preparations for the new season were disrupted when it was reported that David Ginola had been having DM2.3640 to DM2.3688... Page 26 talks with BarcelonaPage 37

> ☐ General: England and Wales will be rather cloudy with drizzle or light rain spreading into northern and western parts, especially western coasts and hills. The more sheltered

south and east will see some breaks

in the cloud, with the best of any sunshine in the southeast where it will

be warm again with light winds. Scotland and Northern Ireland will be

cloudy with light rain or drizzle spreading southwards. Many shel-tered eastern parts could well stay dry with bright or surnry breaks. Tem-

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ARTS Disney's Hugo: Sugary but effective, the Disney cartoon version of

will probably be the summer's biggest cinema hit ... Unmissable Uncle: The Chichester Festival has assembled a dream cast of Derek Jacobi, Trevor Eve, Alec McCowen, Frances Barber and Imogen Stubbs for Uncle Vanya Page 33

The Hunchback of Notre Dame

Ations's return: After treatment for breast cancer, Eileen Atkins is back on the stage this week in the National Theatre's production of John Gabriel Borkman Page 33

Verdi's worst? Alzira is reputed to be Verdi's worst opera. But a superb concert performance conducted by Mark Elder made the best case for it...

TOMORROW

FEATURES

Daunting prospect: Baroness Park of Monmouth aims to scupper the Government's proposal to privatise Page 15 Services housing ... Sticky wicket Cricket was never meant to be a game played in the High Court, but Ian Botham and Imram Khan have turned it into .. Page 15 just that.

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Vote of confidence

Britain, as the world's second largest investor overseas, has adjusted to globally-based manufacturing better than any of its EU neighbours. That is why investors come; that is why they will stay .. Page 17

Business in France

The checks on French corruption must be sustained for the sake of France.....

Oxbridge compliment

In an odd way this is the highest compliment Nelson Mandela could have been paid. Who else would bring both Oxford and Cambridge to London?

COLUMNS

FRANCES GIBB

A split at the Law Society would take time and legislation. It would also, no doubt, cost solicitors more than the present arrangement. But it might banish the spectre of state regulation of the profession under a Labour government. And in terms of enhanced credibility with the public and the profession, it may be a price that is worth paying....

JAMES FENTON

Unless a further £80,000 is forthcoming, Canova's Ideal Head will be exported on August 9. We desperately want this luminous piece ... Page 16 for Oxford

EILIS O'HANLON

In their protests about Protestant Orange Order marches, the republicans have found a way to reactivate sectarian conflict in Ulster without being seen as the sole instigators

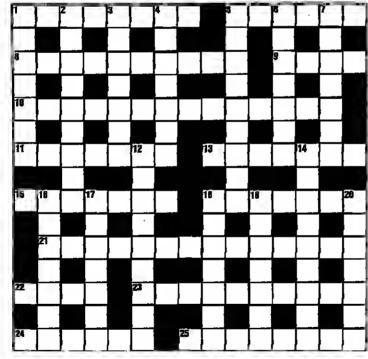
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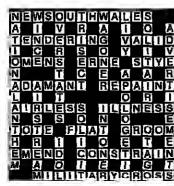
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- characters (3,3). 8 Testing location for, say, Keir
- Hardie speeches (10). 9 May, for example, pointlessly spot
- insect (4). 10 For new composition, let me
- award Lear the name of poet (6,2,2,4).11 Clobbered? Get bandaged (7).
- 13 One may be bowled over by the strength of a cheese (7).
- 15 Upright character found to steal, covered in shame (7).
- 18 Fairly well adjusted sailor returns in boat (3,4).
- 2 Z1 It's sacrilege to suppress vote
- against church closure (14).

Solution to Puzzle No 20,216



- 22 Wake and do toilet (4).
- 23 The spirit is irrelevant? (10). 24 A child is an individual (6).
- 25 Added salt to some cheese, as one

- I Let down in poor deal (7). 2 Spanish gentleman's special role
- supporting intrigue (9). 3 Conserver of animals in their
- habitats becomes angry (7). 4 Girl carried out grasshopper (7). 5 Judge, always a supporter of young or weak - dangerous
- person, in a way (3-6). 6 Brag about medical qualification - that's empty talk (7).
- 7 Nothing around table? Just the makings of porridge (7).
- 12 Range afforded by new wing (9). 14 Not a single weapon taken up to protect island way of life (9).
- 16 Embarrassed to record bureaucratic delay (3,4). 17 Give us sound support as divine
- inspiration for party? (7). 18 Prepare luggage over a period for
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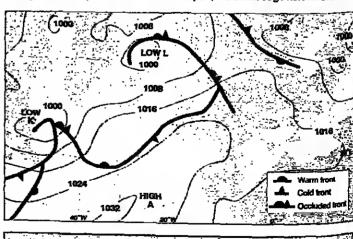
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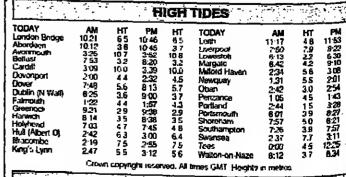
westerly becoming light south-westerly. Warm in the south. Max 23C (73F) in the south, 19C (66F) in the I sie of Man, SW Scotland, Glasgow, Central Highlands, NE Scotland, Argyll, NW Scotland, Orkney, Shetland, Northern Ireland; cloudy with rain or drizzle on coasts and hills, clearer later. Wind the south, 13C (55F) in the north. ☐ NE England, Borders, Edin-burgh & Dundee, Aberdeen, Moray Firth: cloudy at first, some sunny breaks later, meinty dry. Wind mod-erate westerly. Max 19C (66F). Outlook: sunny breaks on Friday but cloudy again on Saturday, with occasional rain. ☐ Pollen forecast: Northern Ireland. northwest England, extreme South West: low; Scotland, northeast Eng-land, Wales, London: low to mod-erate; Midlands, East Anglia, southeast England, remainder of

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